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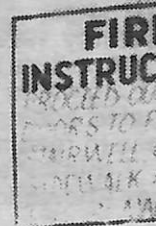
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AGAWAM TEACHERS are all smiles after learning they have received mini-grants from the Partnership Program with the Agawam Chamber of Commerce. From left - Robert Sartwell, Jacqueline Hayes, Betty Murphy, Janice DeFilipi, Rita Ducharme (Agawam Chamber of Commerce), and John Burns.



Mini-Grants Help Agawam Schools With Programs

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Middle School students will publish a literary magazine; Junior High students and their parents will form an after-supper science club; and kindergartners at Granger School will keep tabs on their progress through snapshots.

The link between these projects is simple. Each is a creative idea that would not be funded in the regular school budget, and each project has been made possible through the mini-grant program established by the Agawam School System in Partnership with the Agawam Chamber of Commerce.

Last week, Ann Favreau (coordinator for curriculum initiatives) and Rita Ducharme (Chamber of Commerce Education Committee chairwoman) announced this year's winners of the Mini-Grant for Educators Awards.

At the Middle School, sixth grade teacher **Janice DeFilipi** will team up with fifth grade teacher **Jeanne Forgette** and Special Education teacher **Betty Murphy** to produce a literary magazine. The goal of the project is to encourage Middle School students to write effectively and to reach an audience beyond their classroom by having their works published in the Agawam Middle School Literary Magazine.

Each classroom will receive a copy of the magazine, and each student whose work is published will receive a copy. Serving as a community resource for the project, **Dayga Printing** of Feeding Hills has agreed to keep the cost of the magazine within the \$250 limit of the grant.

Junior High Technical Education teacher **John Burns** and Science Department curriculum coordinator **Robert Sartwell** will use their \$250 grant as seed money for their After-Supper Science Club. Students and a family member or community member will meet twice-a-month to perform research and complete projects they would not be able to do during the school day.

In addition to Internet access, the students will have the use of video recording equipment, laser optics, electronics, and machine tools in an effort to make learning come alive.

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Christmas At Mitch's



MARK THIBEAULT, manager of Mitch's Nursery & Showroom, has ribbon and bows galore at the Suffield Street store. Mitch's is adorned with displays of holiday supplies and ornaments. You must stop in - seeing is believing. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Snow Delays Become Thing Of The Past For Agawam Schools

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

With just over three weeks until the official start of winter, school was cancelled when the first serious snow of the season fell during the early morning hours of Wednesday, November 29th.

In years past, two to four inches of snow complicating the morning commute for residents and hampering the clean-up efforts of the DPW would likely have resulted in an hour or two delay to the start of the school day. But not this year.

Superintendent of Schools **Bernard F. Ryder** said he no longer has the option of delaying the start of school due to new state mandates requiring 900 hours of instruction each year for elementary school students and 990 hours for secondary students.

Ryder said there is no extra time built into the school day for Agawam students so school cannot be delayed without falling short of the state mandates for time in learning.

Ryder said if school were delayed, he would be forced to make up the time at additional cost to the school district by adding days onto the 180 teaching days spelled out in the teachers' contract.

Presently, school is scheduled to end on June 21st with five snow days built in.

Ryder explained that a delayed-start day would count as a teaching day. It would be necessary to bring the staff back for an additional day and to pay them on a per diem basis for any hours lost by the delay.

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Riverside's "Friends" At Bay Path College

The popular "Friends in Harmony" performing group from Riverside Park will be presenting the musical comedy, "Brother Act" (A Christmas Story) on Friday, December 8th and Saturday, December 9th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Bay Path College Auditorium in Longmeadow.

Tickets can be obtained for \$5 each by calling (800) 370-7488 (extensions 3400 or 3014). There are no ticket sales at the door.

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Project To Include Family & Community Members

The project is designed to include family and community members so that students will gain more understanding of the workplace while increasing their knowledge of technology. The students will use Cable TV as a showcase for their demonstrations to be seen by the entire community.

At Granger, kindergarten teacher **Jacqueline Hayes** will be snapping "Photos for Portfolios" to make her students aware of their accomplishments and help develop their self-esteem.

Mrs. Hayes will take polaroid shots of the children at work on language arts, science, math, and social studies projects and at play as they develop social skills. The photos will be displayed in the classroom and used in the children's assessment portfolios. Parent volunteers will assist in displaying and cataloging the special moments in the children's growth and development.

Mrs. Favreau said the mini-grant program was launched last year as a means of funding creative educational ideas that are beyond the school budget.

The grant applications were reviewed by Partners in Education board members **Rita Ducharme, Ann Favreau, Judy Lavin, and Sylvia DeLiso.**

The awards are given based on the creativity of the educational experience, clarity of the proposal, effective use of funding, and use of community resources, Mrs. Favreau said.

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AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 14, 1995 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing is to hear the petition of MacBrook, Inc. for work to be performed on Lots 24 thru 26 MacBrook Estates, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission
Published: December 7, 1995

School Committee Discusses Goals, Objectives For Remainder Of Current School Year

by **Kathy Cassanelli**
News Editor

After a lengthy discussion involving more than half a dozen changes and additions, the School Committee adopted 17 goals and objectives for the current school year at the November 28th meeting.

The goals include long-range plans as well as short-term plans expected to be accomplished within the next five years.

Some of the continuing goals of the school system include improved communication within the School Department and among the School Department, building Maintenance Department and the town government; an effective professional development plan; updating educational technology; continuing the Partnership in Education with the community; and reviewing School Committee policies for compliance with Education Reform.

More specific plans call for purchasing literature based materials for grades three and four by June 1996; introduction of a foreign language at the Middle School in September 1996; a list of each principal's goals and objectives to be presented to the School Committee in February 1996; and a five-year plan for textbook and furniture acquisition and replacement.

Committee member **Roberta Doering** suggested adding a commitment to provide for success in reading at all grade levels in Agawam.

"I think that's critical," Mrs. Doering said. "If they (the children) cannot read, they're not going

to be able to do anything we ask of them across the curriculum."

Professional Code For Staff

Noting that she was basing her proposal on one of the points in the action plan presented earlier this year by AHS Acting Principal **Joseph Zabielski**, committee member **Linda Galarneau** proposed an amendment to write and adopt a professional code for all staff members of the school system.

After **Teresa Kozloski** said the goals and objectives were "just a bunch of words" unless the committee checked on their progress, the committee added a goal to review progress on the goals in February and June 1996.

Criticizing the need for a goal of setting positive guidelines for School Committee members when meeting with Highlight on Education guests, **Susan Pettazzoni** said the School Committee should "get our act together."

"We should not berate a person we have invited here under the Highlights on Education," Mrs. Pettazzoni said. "I see how some of our guests are treated and it's abhorrent."

Committee Chairman **Mayor Christopher C. Johnson** suggested five-year plans for purchasing educational technology, textbooks, and furniture.

"We need to have some sort of plan in place as to where our system is going in the next five years," Johnson said.

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"We're not able to do a delayed start. We're either open or closed," **Ryder** said.

Ryder said he did not know how some surrounding school districts were able to delay the start of school last week.

Ryder said he made his decision to close the schools last week after speaking with area superintendents, the DPW, and the Police Department. The decision was made at 6:18 a.m. and was announced on the radio at 6:35. **Ryder** said the announcement was not made by television

stations until 6:50.

Ryder said he received complaints from parents whose children had already left to catch the bus before the announcement was made on television.

Ryder said he tries to make his decision before 6:00 a.m. and had decided to open schools that morning at 5:30 a.m. However, after a series of phone calls between the DPW and Police Department and school officials, **Ryder** was advised to reconsider at 6:12 a.m.

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International Weekend Noted As Success At Agawam High

To The Editor:

Once again, the Agawam chapter of AFS hosted a successful international exchange weekend. From November 16th-19th, 16 foreign students enjoyed an eventful three-day stay.

We would like to thank all of those who helped make this weekend possible: Mr. Zabielski, who welcomed these students into our high school; Mr. Files, who put on a wonderful Top 40 concert; Peterjans Gourmet Ice Cream, for catering a successful ice cream party; Valley Community Church, for a great picnic held at the church; Fitness First, for the use of their extensive facilities; the Oppedisano family, for holding a Sunday brunch; and all those families who hosted students.

Thank you very much,
The Agawam AFS Club

Soccer Coach Praises Players For Demonstrating Enthusiasm

To The Editor:

A Letter To My Players:

I am writing this letter to express my thanks to the U-12 girls' soccer team (Golden Eagles) which I had the pleasure of coaching this season, which has just concluded.

I extend my gratitude not because our season was successful in terms of wins and losses. On the contrary, we tied one game and lost all the others. In fact, except for one penalty goal, we did not score a goal in the last nine games of the season.

This lack of accomplishment on the playing field could probably be looked upon as a season of failure and frustration. However, what I witnessed was a group of girls who rarely missed practices or games and approached these activities with the same sense of enthusiasm and love of the sport throughout the entire season.

The spirit and excitement they consistently displayed was a continuous source of wonder and amazement to me and my assistants, especially when it became clear that our team would not be very good at a competitive level.

A coach can only hope that his players learn something about the sport, have fun, and maybe make some friends along the way. In my case, I was able to continuously learn something from my players that I occasionally lost sight of as the season progressed. That is, sportsmanship and love of competition need not be measured in terms of wins and losses and goals scored. It was a lesson my girls enthusiastically displayed every time they stepped on the field.

Thank you, Golden Eagles: Andrea, Andrea, Angelica, Becky, Carrie, Elizabeth, Gina, Jillian, Karen, Kate, Laura, Nicole, and Stephanie.

Your coach,
Don Prisby

P.S.: Thanks also to Dave Shaw, Nick Alfano, and all the other A.S.A. board members who volunteer countless hours of their time in ensuring the success of this program.

Addressing Statements Made On Bitzas & Berkshire Power

To The Editor:

This is in response to a letter appearing here previously which made false statements relative to the Berkshire Power Project and Town Councilor George Bitzas. While many misrepresentations about the Project have been made in this forum, Berkshire Power appreciates your paper's policy to allow certain latitude in order to facilitate a free flow of discourse even when it is not factual.

However, this particular statement is so outrageous it requires a response from Berkshire Power. A few weeks ago you published a letter written by Rob Keenan discussing local electoral results. In it, the writer disparaged Councilor Bitzas and Berkshire Power by stating there is a "possibility that Mr. Bitzas has financial ties to Berkshire Power with respect to a land easement." This statement is completely false.

There is no financial tie between Councilor Bitzas and Berkshire Power. Berkshire Power is not aware of any interest that Mr. Bitzas has in any of the real estate transactions that it has undertaken in the Town of Agawam. The assertions made by Mr. Keenan in his letter have no basis in fact whatsoever. If Mr. Keenan has documented evidence of a "financial tie" between Councilor Bitzas and Berkshire Power, other than rumor mill gossip, he should share it.

Councilor Bitzas has supported the Berkshire Power Project from the outset, and Berkshire Power is most grateful for his support. However, at no point has his support been as a result of any financial tie with Berkshire Power, because there is no financial tie between Councilor Bitzas and Berkshire Power.

Mr. Keenan should stop furthering statements such as these which are knowingly false. Clearly he has a right to oppose the Project, but neither he nor anyone has a right to use false statements in doing so.

Sincerely yours,
Michael P. Walsh
Counsel for Berkshire Power

Student Laments Condition Of Middle School String Class

To The Editor:

My name is Kathleen Demetron. I am a string player at Agawam Middle School. This is my second year playing.

Last year the budget cuts took violin out of school time and put it in after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for only 45 minutes each day. There are about 30 students and by the time all the instruments are tuned, almost all of our time is used.

There are beginners, older students, and cello students all put together, which makes it impossible for Mrs. Quintnol to teach a class. At my last class, all we learned was how to tighten, raising, and hold the bow. The reason that was all we learned was because the beginners really need to know that. But this did not help the cellists nor the older students.

And many times the late bus is cancelled, which means our violin class is cancelled, even if our parents are willing to pick the students up. I know I'm only 11 years-old, but the way you set up this program it seems like you set it up to fail.

It is sad that such a great program is taken out and other children aren't given the chance to play the violin or cello. I hope you understand the way I feel and try to fix it.

Kathleen Demetron
Agawam Middle School

Phelps P.T.O. Board Says Thanks For Fundraiser Support

To The Editor:

The Phelps School P.T.O. Board would like to thank all the families who so generously supported our recent fundraiser.

Due to the success of this effort, we will be able to once again fund a field trip for each classroom; a field day and teacher appreciation day in the spring; a make-your-own sundae night; and a small donation to each teacher (as well as numerous other things).

Our Election Day bake sale will fund one of the two academic scholarships we award each year to graduating AHS students.

Our school holds only one major fundraiser each year, so our success is crucial in order for us to continue to provide all the extras and fun things that our students enjoy.

We offer a heartfelt "thank you" to each student, parent, and customer who has helped us to continue on in the tradition that makes Phelps School great!

Phelps School Executive Board
Debbie Sekula - President
Sue Bertolozzi - Vice President
Gisele Sotolotto - Secretary
Lynn Oakes - Treasurer

No Unity Whatsoever On Agawam Town Council

To The Editor:

I've been watching the Town Council meetings for some time now. It seems to me that there is no unity among the ranks of the City Councilors.

I'm not exactly sure what the problem is, but I do know one thing from watching the Council proceedings—there is NO leadership.

I think that now with a new year approaching, in voting for a new Council president, the Council should select among them someone that is fair, doesn't choose sides, and is an independent thinker that will work for the Council and those who the Council serves—the townspeople of Agawam.

Thank you,
Lisa Suffriti

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Agawam Must Remain Vigilant Regarding Berkshire Power**To The Editor:**

I would like to make some observations regarding the Berkshire Power power plant scheme, to keep this project in the public's mind during this hectic holiday season.

While watching television over the Thanksgiving weekend, I noticed two things which brought the proposed power plant scheme to mind. First was a soft drink company advertisement which centered around an endless stream of holiday decorated semi-trailer trucks. Agawam residents who saw this advertisement should keep in mind that the line of oil tankers shuttling back and forth to the proposed power plant will appear to be just as endless, and THEY will not be carrying soda pop over OUR roads.

The second image I found on television was an evening news view from a high rise camera in Springfield. The view, taken at dusk, would have been difficult to place except for the plume of steam coming off the cooling towers at the Bondi's Island trash incinerator. That very noticeable plume pinpointed its origin and identified the camera view as downriver toward the South End Bridge.

All of Agawam's residents should keep in mind that the plume coming off the proposed power plant's cooling towers will be as, if not more, noticeable. The power plant's plume also will not be wafting over the Connecticut River and Springfield, but will first be hovering over the town of Agawam and its residents.

Another thing that Agawam's citizens should remember is that the proponents of the power plant scheme must still PROVE that their plant is necessary, non-endangering and low cost. So far, Berkshire Power and its cohorts have failed to do that.

First, their proposed generating facility is not needed for our area's electricity needs. In addition, as I understand it, such a power plant may even cause an increase in OUR residential electrical rates by competing with regulated utilities for the large commercial customers who currently offset our rates.

Second, the power plant proponents have not eased concerns over the amount of pollutants the plant will release, the dangers of icing and other fallout from the cooling tower plume, the storage

of oil and hazardous chemicals at the plant, or the wastage of huge amounts of OUR drinking water.

Third, the only entity the power plant proponents intend to save money for is Berkshire Power, which still appears to be lowballing everything involved in the proposed plant's construction design. The cost to Agawam and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for infrastructure replacement and hazardous materials protective measures will not be low.

Finally, I would like to remind the citizens of Agawam that the permit process for this scheme apparently is continuing. Unfortunately, our town government is still giving the appearance of being in league with the proponents by trying to accelerate the process. We should continue to monitor the actions of the mayor and town council and hold them responsible for ANYTHING untoward.

Also, we should not allow Berkshire Power, or any of its erstwhile allies, to divert us with THEIR "expert" testimony or meaningless advertisements for THEIR scheme. We must stay vigilant and interested in any such project which could adversely impact our lives, our health and our community.

Sincerely,
Rob Keenan
150 Riviera Drive
Agawam

Agawam Model Congress Offers Thanks For Donations**To The Editor:**

As secretary of the Agawam High School Model Congress, I would like to express our appreciation to Jack Sarat of Sarat Ford and the School Improvement Council for their generous donations. The Agawam delegates recently attended Yale Model Congress in November, and if it were not for the contributions of both organizations, our trip could not have been possible.

Yale Model Congress was educationally stimulating and deeply inspirational to all of the participants. Two of our delegates received awards at the Conference. The Most Distinguished Speaker/Best Delegate Award was presented to Alfred Albano, and Jennifer Kratovil received an Honorable Mention Award.

Thanks again for this wonderful opportunity.

With kind personal regards,
Brook Chicackly
Secretary
Agawam Model Congress

Jr. Women Say "Thank You" For Supporting Its Breakfast**To The Event:**

THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB would like to thank all those who attended our fourth Pancake Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus on Sunday, December 3rd, at the Agawam High School. What a better way to start off the holiday season!

With the continued support of our community, we were again able to provide a delicious breakfast, a wonderful Santa, Mrs. Claus and elves, pictures with Santa, letters to Santa, and a collection for our Holiday Food Baskets all in one morning.

The Agawam Juniors would like to thank Mr. Jim Loomis for his assistance, and HP Hood for their generous donation.

Again we hope that everyone who attended will return next year and also continue to support the Agawam Junior Women's Club in their many projects and programs.

Eva Jack and Donna M. Shibley
Ways and Means Co-chairpersons
Agawam Junior Women's Club

Resident Is Embarrassed By November 20th Council Mtg.**To The Editor:**

I have spoken to many people regarding the televised November 20, 1995 City Council meeting and all agree it was very entertaining. However, I am embarrassed that this meeting was held in my town.

The antics of some of the Council members at this meeting and past meetings were appalling. If more people had watched these meetings over the past year, I believe that there would have been fewer candidates recently reelected to office.

The stance taken by some of the Council members regarding the "gasoline permit" that was needed for Fisher Scientific appears to be arbitrary and capricious. There are at least three gasoline stations within a mile of the industrial park. Each of these facilities likely stores approximately 30,000 gallons of flammable hazardous material.

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I don't recall any issues ever arising over permitting of these facilities. Most industries and businesses use some amount of hazardous material. A visit to the Fire Department to review the SARA and Community Right To Know filings for area businesses might be educational for the Council members.

The fact is that hazardous materials are part of the way we live. They are not, in themselves, a cause for fear. What is important is that they are handled and stored properly, the proper precautions have been taken to prevent accidents, and the proper planning has been done to safely handle accidents if they occur. The job of our City government is to make sure these steps are taken, not to harass businesses such as Fisher Scientific and discourage development of the industrial park.

The City Council was continually given the facts about Fisher Scientific, but some members did not seem to be listening. Instead, some council members felt the need to engage in "fear mongering." I can only conclude from watching this meeting that Mr. Suffriti and Mr. Ennis had their own agenda, which did not necessarily include the good of Agawam.

These people were elected to research the issues, listen to the facts, and make educated decisions on what is best for Agawam, based on what they have learned. They were not elected to play petty politics at the expense of the people of Agawam.

I was embarrassed for Agawam and feel that we, as a community, owe Fisher Scientific an apology. This company has invested in our community, and deserved better treatment than it got at the meeting.

If the permitting process is flawed, then fix the process. That is the job of the City Council. Don't persecute a company that has dealt with Agawam in good faith and ruin the chance to attract other quality companies to Agawam.

Fisher Scientific is the type of company we should try to attract to the industrial park. The company appears to have taken measures above and beyond what is required to safely store the hazardous materials, prevent spills, and provide for proper handling of accidents. Instead of attracting new companies like this, we have sent a message that we don't want them or any other business to move to Agawam.

As a resident, and a business owner who has recently expanded in Agawam, I am concerned about my investment and future problems I should anticipate from the town. I am also concerned about my taxes, quality of life, and the education of my children in the Agawam school system if future revenues for Agawam can only be generated from residential development.

Sincerely,
Kevin C. Sheehan
Agawam

Residents Should Review Study Regarding Berkshire Power

To The Editor:

This week the Agawam Board of Appeals will continue its public hearing regarding Berkshire Power's request that they be allowed to build a power plant that will be four times higher than current zoning laws allow. They are asking for permission to change forever the character of this community.

A big part of this hearing will undoubtedly be the recently completed study by Tech Environmental and The BSC Group which reviewed some of the claims of Berkshire Power. This newspaper and others have been full of ABB propaganda which extols the positive findings in this study. Now, like Paul Harvey, I would like to make sure that we all know "the rest of the story!"

First the history. In early June, the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam at a special City Council hearing called for the formation of a task force to hire an independent engineering firm to evaluate the entire ABB proposal. CCBA then called for this multinational megafirm to foot the bill.

At that time the local ABB representative, Mr. Kevin O'Reilly, said, "Berkshire Power is not interested in such an arrangement." The CCBA found that strange since this same organization, operating under a different name, had funded a similar study in Taunton, MA, only a few years earlier.

On June 12th, the CCBA hand-delivered to Mayor Johnson's office and the City Council a letter detailing our concerns and proposals. We had contacted Conoco Environmental Corporation, the same environmental firm which Mr. Roberts and company had hired to review the data in Taunton, and asked them to give us an example of what they had done in Taunton and the estimated costs.

We forwarded this information to the Mayor and the Council. To date, we have received no response from the Mayor or the Council. At the time, in the press, the Mayor ridiculed the idea of

an independent study and claimed that the only independent study necessary would be conducted through the state permitting process.

The Mayor's position changed in September when the Board of Appeals courageously admitted that they did not have the expertise to evaluate much of the data which they had received. Suddenly there was an "emergency."

This Mayor, who had totally ignored the citizens' request in June, now scurried about to find an engineering firm which could give the Appeals Board an *in-depth* review of the process in 22 days.

The Mayor didn't have time to reveal his criteria for selecting this group. He didn't have time to request the necessary three bids. We suspect he simply called ABB, asked for the name of an engineering firm which they would approve, and hired them.

The results of this review were recently publicized. From the CCBA's point of view, the most telling part of the study can be found in one sentence: "...In certain instances, we believe that project impacts will be greater than presented by Berkshire Power Development, Inc. and we therefore recommend that additional mitigation measures be considered in these instances."

In general, this study raises as many questions as it answers and in no way could be considered an *in-depth* review of this project. With so many questions lingering, we feel that it is impossible for the Board of Appeals to act favorably on ABB's request.

The final irony of this whole fiasco was in ABB's recent assertion that they are willing to give the Town of Agawam "a gift," a donation, to do us a favor, by paying the \$15,000 price tag for this review.

ABB has consistently stated that they want to answer all of Agawam's questions. With that in mind, paying for this study is the least that this multi-billion dollar, foreign corporation can do. They plan on earning many hundreds of millions of dollars from this project; \$15,000 is a drop in the bucket.

We strongly encourage all Agawam residents to review this study and to ignore the propaganda that has accompanied it. Our concerns have not been eliminated; in fact, they may have been heightened.

Regards:
Karl Stieg
24 Edgewood Lane
Agawam

Congratulations, Ryan's Drugs On 100th Birthday

To The Editor:

I have been one of Ryan's customers for approximately 40 years.

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I truly wish them continued success and all the very best in life. I also pray that they continue a very successful business.

We all need druggists such as they have proved to be—the finest.

Respectfully,
Rosanne Fiorini
Agawam

CCBA Seeks Funds From The Public For Financial Efforts

To The Editor:

Dear Agawam Resident And/Or Business Owner:


A growing number of citizens and business owners have united to oppose the construction of a power plant by a group known as Berkshire Power.

Since January of 1995, the volunteers of the Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) have done extensive research and collected information regarding the impact of the proposed power plant on the environment, health, safety, and property values of the community.

The CCBA maintains the stance that a power plant would not benefit the community and would change the character of the Town of Agawam, forever.

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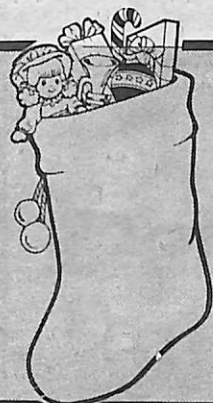
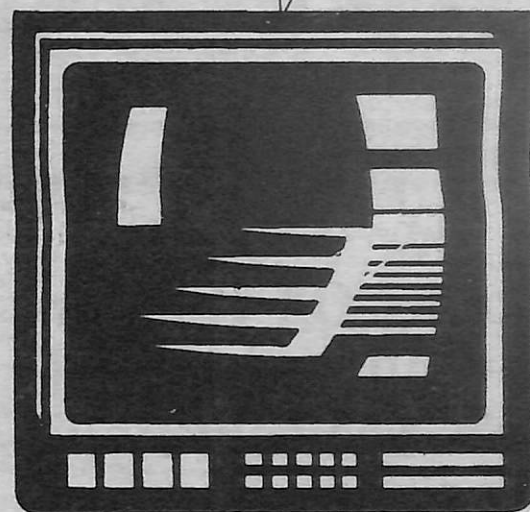


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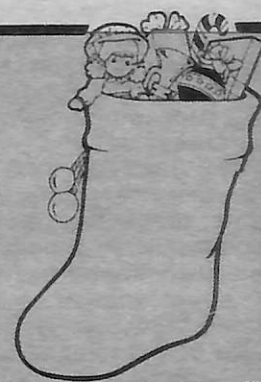
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I am donating my services as a professional caterer and fundraiser to the CCBA because Agawam is my hometown. Funds are needed to assist the CCBA with postage, advertisement costs, and legal fees. The CCBA financial efforts are independent of other entities intervening against the proposed power plant.

If you are interested in contributing your time, goods, and services or a monetary donation to this organization, all help is welcomed no matter how large or small.

Please feel free to contact me or any fundraising committee person below, or the CCBA at P.O. Box 944, Agawam, MA. The first fundraiser will be a cocktail reception at Crestview Country Club on January 6, 1996 with more details to follow.

Happy Holidays,
Susan Amabile, 789-4156
Barbara Peterson, 786-6508
Bonnye Pillar, 789-2268 (w) or 1-860-749-6970 (h)
Sandi Forni, 789-2709

P.S.: Please make checks payable to Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam.

Feeding Hills Resident Thanks Caba, Suffriti, And Ennis

To The Editor:

This is a thank you note to three councilors who continue to justify the faith we have placed in them. Councilors Caba, Suffriti, and Ennis, thank you for all the following:

1. Thank you for sticking out your necks for us, even against heavy hitters from Boston.
2. Thank you for not rubber stamping items, just because they come from the mayor's office.
3. Thank you for upholding the spirit of the law, not the loopholes in the law.
4. Thank you for insiting on democratic process, not mere expediency.
5. Thank you for not having your pictures in the paper, receiving awards from the mayor.
6. Thank you for doing all the above for nominal wages, sacrificing your time and energy.

Please excuse those that criticize your actions. They do not represent the majority of voters in Agawam.

The majority of voters have kept you in office with far more votes than councilors that have done none of the above.

Thanks again,
Don Hazen
Feeding Hills

Booklet On Robbery Prevention Available From Agawam Police

The Agawam Police Department announces that it has just published a booklet on "Robbery Prevention."

According to Sergeant Steven Draghetti, the APD's Safety and Crime Prevention Officer, the booklet is geared towards business owners and highlights prevention tips that deal with the characteristics of robbery (which police call "the fastest growing crime in the nation").

"Businesses are always susceptible to robbery," says Sergeant Draghetti, "but the holiday season heightens the dangers associated with that crime because of the greater amount of money that is typically generated during this time of the year. Therefore, business owners should take advantage of the valuable information available in the 'Robbery Prevention' booklet."

Some of the topics that are covered within the booklet include training that employers and employees should undertake to help reduce the risk of robbery; establishing a safety-oriented opening and closing routine for your business; taking precautions on night calls; and learning survival tactics that should be undertaken in the event of a hold-up.

The "Robbery Prevention" booklet is available for pick-up at the Agawam Police Department. For further information, contact Sergeant Draghetti at 786-4767.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, December 14, 1995 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability for Bethany Assembly of God for property located at 580 Main Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
 Agawam Conservation Commission
 Published: December 7, 1995



GATHERED OUTSIDE THE ANNE SULLIVAN MEMORIAL area in Feeding Hills Center to look over the new holiday lights are, from left - John Zebryk, Agawam Beautification Committee; Corinne Lafontaine, Judy Lavin, and Cheryl Sabola, Granger PTO; Marilyn Curry, Anne Sullivan Committee; George Bitzas, town councilor; and James H. Loomis, Anne Sullivan Committee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Bitzas & Local Businesses, Groups Decorate Areas Of Ag. For Holidays

Again this year, Agawam Town Councilor George Bitzas, with the cooperation of local organizations and businesses, has coordinated the placement of Christmas decorations in certain town areas. The areas involved are the Town Hall on Main Street, the Anne Sullivan Memorial area in the center of Feeding Hills, and the area at the end of the Morgan/Sullivan Bridge from West Springfield.

"Each year, we try and do a little more," Bitzas said. "With only very limited funds available, we are dependent on the spirit of giving and sharing from organizations such as the Anne Sullivan Committee, parents, and some local businesses to create a sense of community holiday spirit."

The highlight and focus of activities this year will be in Feeding Hills at the Anne Sullivan Memorial/Granger School area. The Anne Sullivan Committee has generously contributed funds to substantially increase the number of lights and new holiday decorations which will be on display

there.

To initiate the new lights and decorations, the Granger Parent Teachers Organization has planned a festive evening of holiday cheer on Friday, December 8th. At 7:30 p.m. on December 8th, there will be the tree lighting and the singing of carols led by Granger School students. Townspeople of all ages are invited to participate.

Organizers of this holiday event in Feeding Hills are Marilyn Curry and James H. Lewis of the Anne Sullivan Committee, and Judy Lavin, Corinne Lafontaine, and Cheryl Sabola of the Granger PTO. Assisting Bitzas in the coordination of all activities is John Zebryk of the Beautification Committee.

"Isn't the cooperation of all those involved in the true spirit of this holiday?" Bitzas said. "Everyone contributing is to be commended, and we hope many will join us on Friday, December 8th."

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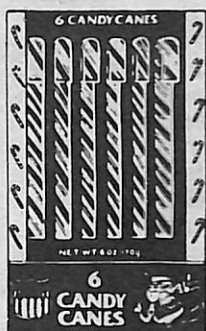
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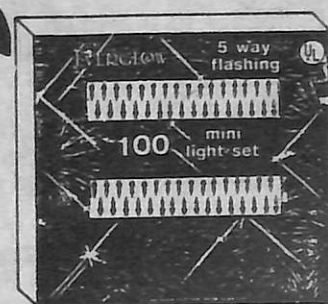
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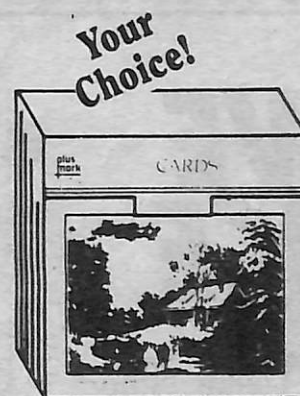
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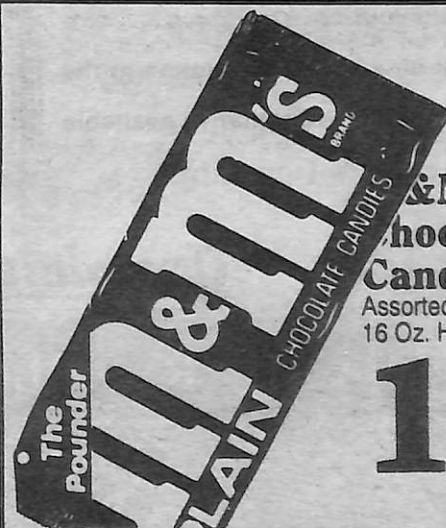
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Council Delays Vote On Funds For Law Dept.; Land Deal Off Main St.

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

In a meeting that lasted just 30 minutes, Town Council left a proposal to transfer \$15,000 from the reserve account to the law department professional consulting fund on the table and refused to consider an emergency measure dealing with a land swap between the town and two town residents.

At the Monday, December 4th meeting, the six councilors present unanimously agreed to postpone considering the transfer of funds to compensate the law department for an independent environmental study of the power plant proposed by Berkshire Power.

The council put off a decision on transferring the funds until its next meeting on December 18th when it will also consider accepting Berkshire Power's offer to pay for the study.

The study, conducted to assist the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) in its consideration of a special permit to allow structures higher than 40 feet at the proposed power plant, found that the power project will not create any adverse environmental impacts to the town. The study was undertaken by Tech Environmental, Inc. and The BSC Group at the request of Mayor Christopher C. Johnson on behalf of the ZBA.

On Thursday, December 7th, the ZBA will reopen the public hearing on Berkshire Power's request for a special permit. The hearing will

begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria.

At Monday night's meeting, the council refused to accept an emergency preamble proposed by the Mayor that would have allowed the council to vote on a land swap between the town and Joanne E. Kelley and Elizabeth J. Kelley.

The Kelleys have been delayed in making improvements to their property at 110 South Park Terrace due to a survey error dating back to the original subdivision. The Kelley's were not accurately informed as to the location of their property line due to the survey error, Johnson stated in a memo to the council.

Johnson said the Kelleys would not be able to obtain a building permit for an addition on their home unless they and the town swapped small pieces of land on South Park Terrace and Lealand Avenue.

With only six councilors in attendance at Monday night's meeting, Councilor Gary Suffriti said he would rather wait until the full council was assembled to consider the matter. The remaining five councilors agreed unanimously and the land swap was forwarded to the next council meeting.

Councilors Nancy Thompson, James Taylor, Jill Simpson, Walter Balboni, and Vivian Dziardziel were absent. Present were councilors Edward Caba, David Skolnick, Robert Danie, Gary Suffriti, Thomas Ennis, and George Bitzas.

FireWise ... by Fire Chief David Pisano

Holiday Fire Safety

We think of the holidays as happy times, a chance to celebrate with family and friends.

The Agawam Fire Department wants to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season, and offers the following suggestions to keep your holiday safe:

- When purchasing a live tree, look for the following signs of freshness. A fresh tree is green. Needles will be hard to pull from branches when bent between your fingers. Fresh needles don't break if bounced on the ground, and a minimum number of needles should fall off.

- To keep your tree fresh, cut off about two inches of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better absorption of water, keep stored outside the house until you're ready to decorate, and keep the stand filled with water.

- When placing your tree, make sure it is kept away from sources of heat, like fireplaces or heat

vents, and out of the way of traffic.

- Check out your lights before placing them on the tree. Look for worn or frayed wires and broken bulbs. Make sure you do not overload extension cords.

- Take care when using candles. Keep them away from other flammable decorations. Place them where they cannot be knocked over or reached by children. Do not leave lit candles in an unattended room.

- Make sure your smoke detectors are working properly. If you'll be traveling to visit family and you're not sure if they have a smoke detector, take one with you.

Remember, fires don't take a holiday, and by taking some precautions, you and your family can celebrate a fire-safe holiday.

For more information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Water Pressure Drop May Be Experienced As New Pipe Connects

On December 12, 1995, businesses and residences in the area of town generally south of Silver and Garden Streets, including the Agawam Regional Industrial Park, may experience a drop in water pressure and a discoloration of the water.

This is due to the necessity to reconnect a 16-inch water main to a new pipe where it passes under the new extension of Route 57.

During the work, the 16-inch main, which is a major feed to the above portion of town, must be taken out of service.

The work will begin at 7:00 a.m. on December 12, 1995 and finish by 6:00 p.m. on that date. The Agawam Water Department has scheduled this work at a time of non-peak water demand so as to minimize the drop in water pressure.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but this work is necessary to upgrade the water piping on this major feed line.

Agawam Republicans To Meet Dec. 9th At Oak Ridge CC

The Agawam Republican City Committee will meet on Saturday, December 9th, at 9:00 a.m. at the Oak Ridge Country Club.

The invited guest will be Roberta Brundrette, candidate for Republican State Committee Woman.

Topics on the agenda include: Presidential Primary Election, Western Mass. Republican Report, the 1996 Presidential Campaigns, and a membership report.

Committee chairman Chris Quatrone invites anyone interested in becoming an associate member to attend this meeting.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 18, 1995 at 7:30 P.M. at the Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA on a Class II Dealer License for Auto Kraft Auto Sales, 119 Walnut Street, Agawam, MA.

Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

Published: December 7, 1995

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View From The State House

by State Rep.
Daniel F. Keenan

Legislative Session Closes

With the close of the 1995 legislative session, Representatives from across the state have headed back to their districts with a solid list of accomplishments which will be of long-term benefit to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Several initiatives will promote Massachusetts as more business friendly, such as the bank and manufacturing tax reforms and adjustments to worker's compensation and unemployment rates, all of which will make Massachusetts more competitive with states throughout the nation.

The Massachusetts welfare reform sends a clear message across the nation that the old system of entitlements without personal responsibility is dead and that the new work requirements will empower recipients to take charge of their lives and destinies.

The legislature also enacted a minimum wage increase and increased state funding to ensure the success of education reform.

There were a number of other concerns which were addressed by the House this year. For the third year in a row, the Legislature has funded a community policing grant program designed to help municipalities above and beyond what the departments receive in the form of local aid payments.

Agawam was awarded \$19,914 under this grant program to continue and expand its bike patrols in the Town's business districts.

The Legislature created and funded a new computerized warrant management system for the Commonwealth's judicial system. It is designed to keep repeat offenders, especially in domestic violence cases, off the streets by eliminating clerical errors.

Enacted earlier this year, the Victims Rights Law empowers crime victims by providing them with certain statutory rights which include: notification of a defendant's parole eligibility and the final disposition of the case, notification of the level of protection available from law enforcement agencies, the right to be heard at sentencing and the right to be informed of the types of financial and social services at their disposal.

Demonstrating its commitment to public safety, the House approved the portion of the Prison Bond Bill which will ease overcrowding by adding cells and establishing an alternative sentencing program for non-violent offenders. The bill would add 830 prison cells.

In addition to full funding for ed reform, the Legislature increased funding for the state's 31 public colleges and universities by approximately \$24 million. The House passed a \$655 million Higher Education Bond Bill, which will fund scores of initiatives at 29 campus locations across the state.

Through the establishment of the U-Plan college savings program, the ongoing efforts of the MassPlan student loan program and the new PRISM international student loan program, tens of thousands of working class families will realize their dreams of sending their sons and daughters to college. Higher education is the state's third largest industry contributing \$10 billion to the economy.

The House has given its approval of the Open Space Bond Bill. The authorization of approximately \$500 million will allow the state to purchase thousands of acres for open space preservation and for protection and enhancement of the state's outdoor recreational facilities, bike paths, trails, park systems, and access to coastal areas.

The bill also establishes a \$30 million loan program for homeowners faced with the prospect of spending thousands of dollars to comply with the Title Five septic system regulations.

The House has passed a bill which, if enacted, will create a state Office on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. The mission of this office would be to advise the Governor and the Administration on matters of policy, programs and services and other information affecting the more than 100,000 Massachusetts residents who suffer from Alzheimer's Disease.

The state's Executive Office of Elder Affairs has released grant awards for FY '96 as supported by the Legislature in the state's budget. These funds are utilized to create and supplement existing programs and services for the elderly. The Agawam Council on Aging received \$17,130 to employ a van driver and newsletter coordinator, reimburse mileage costs, and provide for volunteer recognition, dues, printing, conference/meeting attendance and office supplies.

In August of this year, the state's Executive Office of Transportation disbursed a total of \$150 million in the second and final phase of a capital improvement program. These funds are a result of a capital budget enacted the previous year. Agawam received \$1,028,160 under this program.

During the last few days of the 1994 session in January, the Legislature approved a \$3.3 billion plan finalizing work on the \$6 billion bond authorization for transportation projects across the Commonwealth.

The bill will serve to improve the state's transportation system, provide additional public safety and create jobs. The spending plan will further develop and repair the state's roads, bridges, airport facilities and supplement various other capital improvement projects.

The Massachusetts Cultural Council awards for the current year totaled \$3,738,000, which is a five-percent increase over FY '95. Supported by the state budget, these grants go to area cultural organizations, artists and cities to help the community's cultural life to thrive and to increase the role of cultural development in education reform and economic development. Agawam received a total of \$17,591 in these funds.

The 1995 Legislative Session for the House of Representatives has been both challenging and productive. The House addressed a number of major concerns in the areas of public safety, education, economic development and the environment.

The coming year promises to be as challenging if not more so, as the Legislature tackles a new budget and the Governor's plan to downsize state government.

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Agawam Obituaries

Giuseppe DePalma

Giuseppe DePalma, 81, of 58 Highland Avenue, Agawam, died recently.

He worked at the former Springfield YMCA from 1955 to 1976, and retired as maintenance supervisor. He worked formerly at Connecticut Valley Block Co. in West Springfield.

Born in Avelino, Italy, he served in the Italian Air Force for seven years. After the Italian surrender, he served with Gen. Mark W. Clark's Fifth Army during the Allied liberation of his homeland in 1944-45. He received the LaCroce al Merito de Guerra Bronze Cross from the Italian government.

He came to this country in 1954, and settled in Agawam. He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, and a member of the Victor Emmanuel Society.

His wife, the former Silvia Mercadante, died last year.

He leaves three sons, John, Ralph, and Nick of Feeding Hills; four daughters, Gina Benincasa of Stonybrook, Long Island, New York, Geri Tirone and Josie Heim of Feeding Hills, and Ann M. Gallagher, with whom he lived; two brothers, Nicola of Naples, Italy, and Demenico A. of Montreal, Quebec; 20 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Greater Springfield Senior Services, 66B Industry Ave., Springfield, MA 01104, or the Pioneer Valley Visiting Nurse-Hospice, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Joan A. Haynes

Joan A. (Goldsmith) Haynes, 52, of 118 Silver Lake Drive, Agawam, the 20-year owner and operator of Joan Gibson's Dog Grooming in Southwick, died at home.

She also was a 10-year delivery nurse at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. Born and schooled in Muskegon, Michigan, she was a graduate of Michigan State University, with a bachelor's degree in social work.

She also was graduated from the Springfield Technical Community College Nursing School in 1977. She lived in Southwick before moving here in 1985. She was a counselor for the Adoption Triangle Support Group at BMC, and was active in dog shows in Hartford, specializing in obedience and confirmation.

She leaves her husband, Dr. Michael Haynes; two sons, Kyle Shannon and Kiernan Shannon of West Springfield; a daughter, Tileigh Gibson of Agawam; a stepdaughter, Shell Haynes of Nutley, New Jersey; her mother, Helen (Raber) Goldsmith of Muskegon; two brothers, Bernard of Georgia and Jerry of Muskegon; a sister, Karol Seewald of Muskegon, and a grandson.

There was a private funeral and burial. The West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gilda Radner Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research, Buffalo, New York 14261.

Elizabeth Bissonnette

Elizabeth M. (Talbot) Bissonnette, 97, formerly of Blisswood Drive in Ludlow and Indian Orchard, died in a local nursing home.

Born in St. Aubert, Quebec, Canada, she lived in Agawam for the past 13 years. Previously, she lived in Ludlow for 15 years and in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield for more than 60 years.

She was a communicant of St. Aloysius Church of Indian Orchard and a member of its Ladies of St. Anne Society.

Her husband, Earl W. Bissonnette, died in 1986. She leaves a daughter, Alice Poirier of Indian Orchard; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. A son, Rev. Earl Bissonnette, died in 1983.

The funeral was at Ratell Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Aloysius Cemetery, all in Indian Orchard.

Eden Simonelli

Eden (Varesi) Capodagli-Simonelli, 88, formerly of 79 Pheasant Hill Drive, Feeding Hills, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She worked at Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. in Springfield for 22 years, and retired from its food service department in 1972.

Born in Rome, Italy, she came to this country and settled in Hartford. She attended schools there. She lived in Springfield for most of her life before moving here in 1989.

She was a charter member of the Sons of Italy. She was the widow of Albert Capodagli, who died in 1943, and Emilio Simonelli, who died in 1975. Her son, Caesar Capodagli, died in 1989, and her daughter, Eva Curtis, in 1985.

She leaves six grandchildren, Gary Curtis and Donna Johnson of Granby, David Capodagli of

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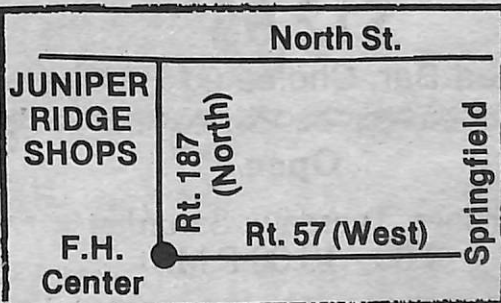
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West Springfield, and William Capodagli, Cathleen Mitchell, and Deborah Collins of Agawam; four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home, and the Sacred Heart Church, with burial at St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight St., Holyoke, 01040, or the National Kidney Foundation, 105 Eastern Ave., Suite 211, P.O. Box 9103, Dedham, MA 02027.

Albert F. Ceccarini

Albert F. "Chick" Ceccarini, 81, of 191 Maple St., Agawam, died at home. He was a mason at Fontaine Bros. Construction Co. in Springfield, and Picard Bros. Construction Co. for many years, and retired in 1979.

Born in Springfield, he lived here most of his life. He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, and a member of the Senior Center. His wife, the former Florence Serra, died in 1993.

He leaves two sons, Howard F. of Springfield, and Albert A., with whom he lived; two daughters, Joan C. Budd of Feeding Hills and Barbara A. (Finn) Santaniello of Agawam; a brother, Renzo of Agawam; two sisters, Columbia Taravella of Granby, Connecticut, and Paula Alvaro of Agawam; eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The funeral was at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Visiting Nurse-Hospice, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Brian Patrick Sweeney

Brian Patrick Sweeney, 33, of 62 Washington Street, Westfield, died Saturday, December 2nd at home. Born in Springfield, he lived most of his life in Agawam until moving to Westfield four years ago.

Mr. Sweeney was a landscaper for the past seven years in the Westfield area. A graduate of Agawam High School in 1980, he received a baseball scholarship to Eckerd College in Florida. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter Day Saints in Springfield, and a member of the Massachusetts Head Injury Foundation.

Brian leaves his father, John Sweeney, Sr. of Westfield; his mother, Muriel J. Akalis of Agawam; a brother, John James Sweeney, Jr. of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania; two sisters, Patricia A. Venne of Springfield, Judi Lynn Weston of Holyoke, a half-brother, Danny Akalis of Agawam; and his grandparents, Emile and Alexandrina Picard of Warren, Rhode Island.

Funeral services were held at the church in Springfield, with burial in Old Cemetery in Hampden, MA. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

Memorial donations may be made to the Massachusetts Head Injury Foundation, 484 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608.

Donald P. Curran

Donald P. "Shawn" Curran, 69, of 79 Ottawa Street, Agawam, a 31-year town firefighter, died at home.

He retired in 1985 as an acting lieutenant. He played Santa Claus for the Fire Department and local organizations for many years. He worked in retirement at Fini's Plant Farm.

A life-long resident of Agawam, he was an Army

veteran of World War II, and served in the Philippines.

He was a deacon at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, and was a volunteer in its kitchen at the Eastern States Exposition.

He was in Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1632 and American Legion Post 185.

His wife, the former Betty M. Myers, died in 1982.

He leaves a daughter, Karen L. Kozlowski Deziel of Chicopee; a sister, Doris Aloisi of Agawam; and three nephews.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home of West Springfield, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 21 North Westfield Street, P.O. Box 264, Feeding Hills, MA 01030-0264.

Rocco V. Minella

Rocco V. "Rocky" Minella, 93, of 309 River Road, Agawam, the former owner of Rocky's Restaurant in Northampton, died at Springfield's Mercy Hospital.

He also was a former homebuilder here. Born in Italy, he lived in Cambridge for 17 years before moving to Agawam two years ago.

He was an Army veteran of World War II. His wife, the former Rose M. Davanzo, predeceased him.

He leaves two sons, Joseph of Agawam, and Vincent of Southwick; a daughter, Rosemary Minella of Louisville, Kentucky; a brother, Vincent of Italy; a sister, Mary Comisso of Springfield; four grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The funeral and burial were private and at the convenience of the family. Colonial Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements, and memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 383 Dwight Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

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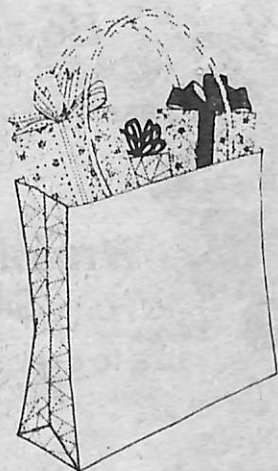
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The party is sponsored by the Pantry for families who have used its services throughout the year. Children who attend receive a shopping bag with presents, a coloring book and crayons, a toothbrush and toothpaste, a book, a hat and mittens, and candy. Presently, there are not enough hats and mittens, crayons, and presents for each child.

Donations will be accepted Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on Wednesdays until 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call the Pantry at 734-7969.

Annual Holiday Party Slated By Agawam Democratic Committee

The Agawam Democratic Town Committee is pleased to announce that it will be holding its annual Holiday Party on December 14, 1995 at E.B.'s Restaurant on Walnut Street Extension in Agawam.

The festivities get underway at 6:00 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a \$1 grab bag gift. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Barbara Barton Dunn, Scott Letendre, or Joanne Willis.

Rep. Keenan Slates Dec. 11th Office Hours

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan will hold office hours on Monday, December 11, 1995, between 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam.

Members of the public are invited to attend to express their comments and concerns on issues facing the district and the state.

Representative Keenan may also be reached at his district office at 549 Springfield Street in Agawam or at the State House in Boston. His district phone number is 786-4545.

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Wednesday, December 13th: Meatloaf with baked potato, green beans, whole wheat bread, pumpkin square.

Thursday, December 14th: Minestrone soup, French meat pie, mashed potatoes, pumpernickel bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, December 15th: Baked fish, baked beans, cole slaw, rye bread, canned peaches.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Jr. Women's Club Is Selling '95 Ornament

The Agawam Junior Women's Club has its 1995 holiday ornament on sale now. This year's ornament is a fifth in a series featuring historical sites in Agawam/Feeding Hills.

This year's ornament features "American Beauty" from M.C. Illions Carousel, circa 1909, located at Riverside Park.

The ornament is a molded pewter medallion of "American Beauty," surrounded by a pewter wreath. The donation is \$5. Proceeds will be used for community service projects.

There are a limited number of past ornaments available as well. Please call Pam at 789-3274 or Betty to inquire. Ornaments are available at the Feeding Hills Public Market, the Agawam Public Market, Surprise! Card & Gift, and The Corner Deli.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Wreaths, Trees, & Bows At Mitch's



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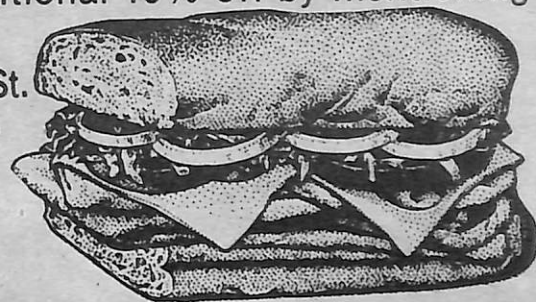
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OVER AT BILL SPEAR'S CHRISTMAS TREE FARM on South West Street in Feeding Hills, owner and operator Bill Spear (right) is donating \$1 to the Ron Dutton Scholarship Fund for each tree sold. In photo left, members of the Gould Family - Stephen, Sophie, and Nicki, are about to select their Christmas tree. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Operation Friendship Slates Oldies Dance For Jan. 27th

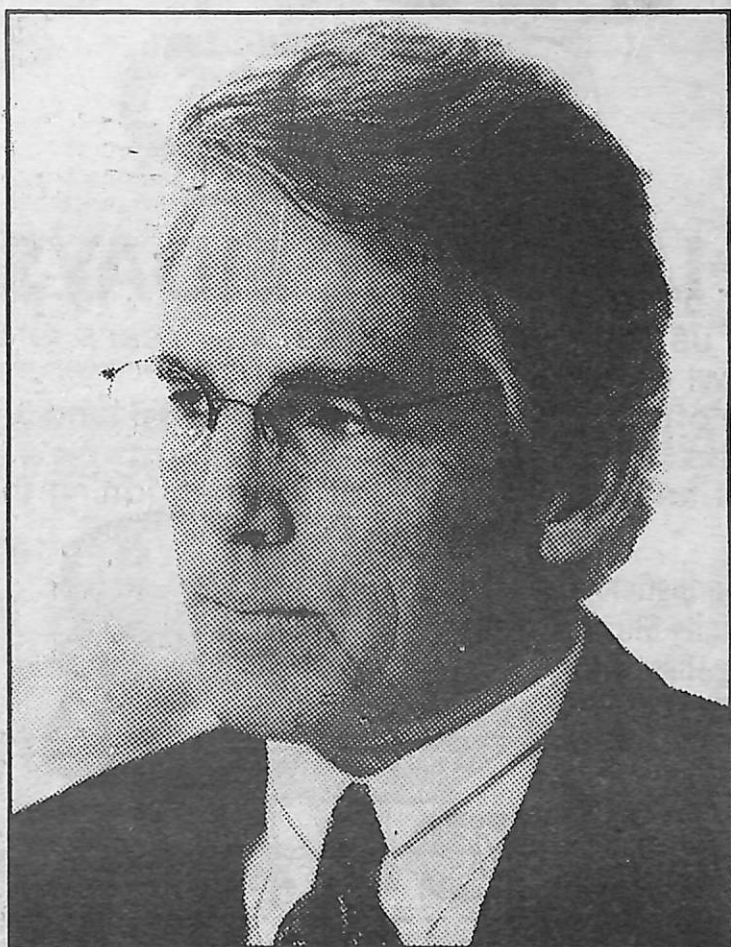
Just an early reminder that this year's Operation Friendship Oldies' Dance will be held on Saturday, January 27, 1996 at the Polish American Club, Southwick Street, Feeding Hills.

There will be music by D.J. "Dancing Dave" from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight with door prizes and raffles.

Proceeds from the dance will be used to help defer travel expenses for eight youths that will be traveling to Europe this summer on a cultural exchange program.

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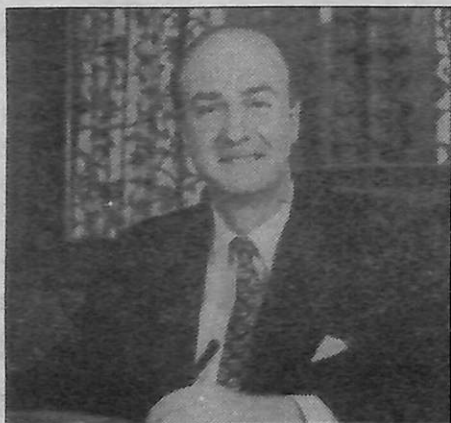


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Garden Club Decorates Storrowton Village

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

When members of the Agawam Garden Club were asked by Storrowton Village Museum Association to decorate the one-room schoolhouse in the village, they didn't realize the trip into history they were about to take.

Decoration of the entire Colonial Village is done by volunteers for the Annual Yuletide Festival which was held last weekend. Guided tours of the beautifully decorated village are continuing daily from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., through Saturday, December 9th.

A little research was like a Pandora's Box as Garden Club members learned about pupils and teachers who actually occupied the school between 1810 (when it was built in Whatley, MA) until it closed in 1906. They became aware of conditions the teachers worked with and students learned in, including their clothing, school supplies, activities, and means of travel.

Teachers were responsible to instruct children from three to 18 years in all subjects. That is, one teacher per school and few children attended full-time since there was farm work to do. The last teacher at the Whatley North Center School, Carrie Osgood, was paid \$325 for 34 weeks' work. There were summer classes, also, attended mostly by younger students. Young adults took the summer jobs to earn money to further their own education.

One- To Two-Mile Walk

There were no cars or bikes. Students walked one to two miles to school, or went by horseback or wagons. Some might get a ride with the milk wagon. Students who recorded events claim the school was often too hot or too cold. Heat was provided by a round chunk stove and families of students provided wood for heat.

The Whatley School Committee moved the students to an in-town school in 1906 and sold the North Center School to Monty Montville Crafts, owners of the land. In the 1920's, they sold it to Eastern States Exposition for inclusion in Storrowton Village.

The building was moved minus the woodshed and privy. The building was raised two to three feet and a belfry was added for a school bell.

Club members learned that in addition to Carrie Osgood, teachers at the school included Fanny Crafts, 1825; Florence Wood, 1897; and Florence Whiting in 1898. It is not known if the two Florences are the same person (and she was married that summer).

Three or four children from one family often attended the school, such as the Crafts—Caleb, David, Roswell, and Josephus. There were three Waites—William, Louston, and Aaron. Among other names of students on record are Sophronia Rice, Alonzo Graves, Fidelea Bardwell, and Experience Wells.

The names of these students were written on red paper Christmas stockings trimmed with cotton and hung above the blackboards. Children entertained their parents at holiday programs and decorated with what nature provided. They used dried flowers, evergreens, pods, grasses, acorns, nuts, fruits, etc. Berries provided colors and there were scraps of ribbon and lace from home.

Authenticity Approved

Garden Club members made wreaths and greens arrangements for window sills, paper snowflakes of different sizes for the windows and the Christmas tree. Decorating the tree were bright colored paper chains, buttons strung together, acorn and cone ornaments, and small red candles in brass holders gripping the branches.



AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB members (top photo) Barbara Gagnon, Barbara Farrington, and Alice Moore, and Joe Dubiel, Denise Carmody, and Lillian Latimer (photo below) decorate the Old Schoolhouse in Storrowton Village. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ches. All had to be approved for authenticity by the Curator of the Storrowton Village Museum, Dennis Picard.

Two snowmen were made from cotton batting. One wearing a muffler and saucy hat was on the stairs to the belfry and the other with stick arms and top hat stood on a bench.

Near the teacher's desk on a table was a log cabin set in snow-like cotton batting, backed with evergreens. At a suitable distance in front was an improvised ice pond with skaters. Wool hats and mufflers hung on hooks in the entrance where once a pitcher of water for drinking and a pump for hand-washing were kept.

Sitting on the hard wood benches at the little desks scarred with initials carved more than 100 years ago, one gets the feeling of what it was like for some of those who went before.

Ag. Women's Club Has Winter Tile Sketch Of Leonard House

The Agawam Women's Club will offer for sale to the public its tile featuring the Leonard House. The four-inch square white tile is imprinted with a winter sketch of the Captain Charles Leonard House, which is the traditional meeting place of the club.

The Agawam Women's Club was organized in 1926 for the purpose of mutual helpfulness, the advancement of public welfare and the promotion of civic and cultural interests.

The tiles are available at the Agawam Public Market and the Feeding Hills Public Market at a cost of \$6 each.

For more information, call Joanne Willis at 789-1360.

Jr. Women's Club Has Holiday Ornament

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is still looking for food and/or monetary donations for the Holiday Baskets program. Approximately 50 baskets need to be filled with food for the holidays and approximately 100 children will receive new clothes and toys.

Food donations can be delivered to one of the collection boxes in town. Boxes are located at Fitness First, the library, George & Green, Granger School, Corner Deli on Main Street, and the Town Hall.

Contributions can also be sent to Agawam Junior Women's Club, P.O. Box 332, Agawam, MA 01001.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

Local Toastmasters To Meet Dec. 14th

The Agawam/West Side Toastmasters meet the second and fourth Thursday of every month at Country Estates Nursing Home (Rte. 75, Agawam). Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 14th. Please park in the rear of the building. For more information, call 786-6920 or 789-1366.

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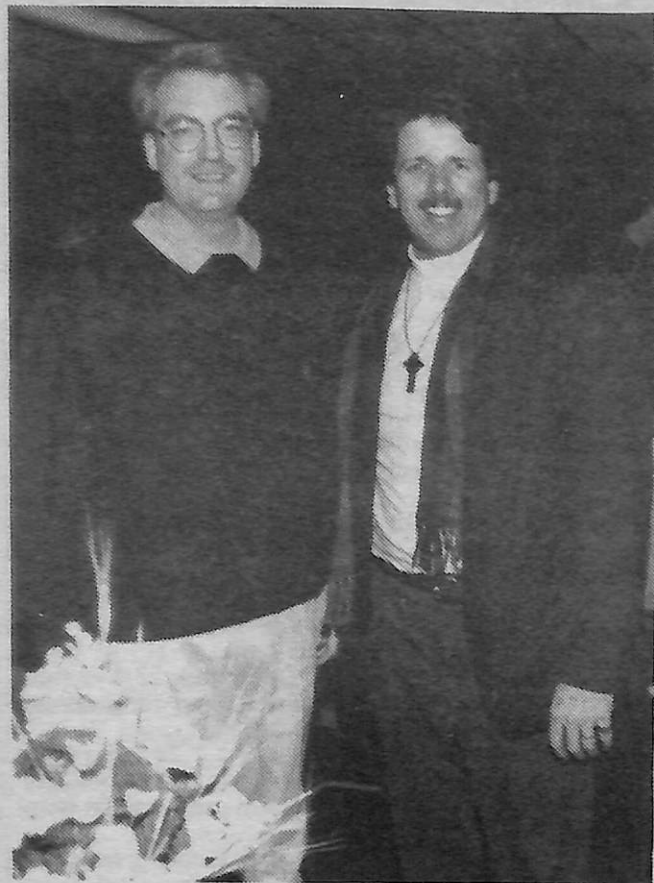
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Church News

Big Auction Helps St. David's Building Fund



ST. DAVID'S CHURCH held a giant auction recently at the Polish Club to benefit the church building fund. From left - Mayor Christopher C. Johnson (who stopped by to participate) and Rev. Leonard Cowan; MIDDLE PHOTO - Paula & Rick Tonelli; and PHOTO RIGHT, Linda Bellame and Mary Boissonneault were at the door and looking on is auctioneer Rose Rossi (standing). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Choirs At Sacred Heart Church To Perform Christmas Concert

The senior and junior choirs of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, will present their annual Christmas concert on Sunday evening, December 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

The cantata this year is "This Day of Celebration." Both choirs will perform in this cantata, and a sing-a-long is also included. Some Christmas

selections will be sung as solos, duets, and a quartet backed up by the full choir.

The junior choir will sing a few of their own special carols, and two junior choir members will be singing solos this year.

Admission is free, and reception will be held in the Parish Center after the concert. The public is invited.

Hour Of Prayer, Song At Dominican Nuns

The monthly Hour of Prayer and Song for the families of the world will be held at the Dominican Nuns' Monastery Chapel on Sunday, December 17th, at 4:00 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

The service will include the singing of Evening Prayer and the recitation of the rosary, sermon, and Benediction.

Cath. Women To Meet At St. John's

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold its December meeting on Monday, December 11th, at 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. John the Evangelist Church. Gloria Colby will preside over a brief business meeting.

Carol Pignatere, Program Chairwoman for the evening, will introduce Charles Paige, director of the Bay Path Keynotes, who will present an evening of Christmas carols.

Angela Beaudry is in charge of hospitality.

Members who wish to participate in the gift exchange must bring a gift. Guests are welcome at this meeting.

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Reflections...

by Reverend
Peter Monahan
Pastor - Church of
the Apostles,
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"Cultural Christianity"

There is a man I respect who remarked recently that he was thankful to God, because this man had noticed in himself that he was no longer a "Cultural Christian"; he had observed that over the past few years he was becoming a more "committed Christian."

This man's remark got me to thinking: what is "Cultural Christianity"? It is comfortable, because it almost fits in with the world in which we live; because it is different, but not too different, from the way modern society operates.

"Cultural Christianity" is based upon a "Cultural Christ," who Himself is a comfortable person, because He almost fits in with the world; because He is different, but not too different, from everybody else in the world. He's kind of like a young rebel who still shows respect to his friend's parents.

There is only one problem with this "Cultural Christ"—he never lived! His only existence is in the minds, in the imaginations, of people who feel comfortable with him. The real Christ, the Christ of history, the Christ of the Bible, was and is most definitely not a "Cultural Christ!"

The real Christ, whose birthday we are preparing to celebrate, is described in the Bible as God. That's right, as God! In Colossians 1:15-17, we read that "Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, where thrones or powers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."

That does not sound like somebody who is sort of like the rest of us, like any ordinary person, only maybe a little different. In fact, that does not describe an extraordinary person. There is only

one Being in the universe about whom we can legitimately say such things, and that would be God, and God alone!

There have been some in every generation who have felt uncomfortable regarding Jesus as God. That is because they have correctly gathered that if Jesus is God, that would mean that Jesus should have absolute, unconditional authority in their lives, and the thought of that makes them feel terribly uncomfortable.

There's a funny thing about people, particularly modern-day people. If the facts make us feel uncomfortable, we sometimes think it wise to simply change the facts to suit ourselves. If Jesus Christ being God makes us feel uncomfortable, no problem! Repackage Christ, make Him into a "Cultural Christ," and the uncomfortable feelings go away.

Somewhere along the way, God has gotten a bad rap, which extends to Jesus. There is a rumor out there that living under the authority of Jesus would not be a good thing to do.

That would be no fun at all and besides, being a Christian just makes you feel guilty for all the sins you've committed. It's really much better being a "Cultural Christian" who tries to be a good person, keeping in mind of course that nobody's perfect.

As is often the case, the rumor mill has it all wrong. Jesus gives us the ability to live the kind of lives we really want to live. He does this in several ways.

The first thing He can do for each one of us is restore us to a proper relationship with our Heavenly Father, because it is in Him that we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins. When Jesus was born, the angel told the shepherds "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Jesus Himself said, "If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

Having been restored to a proper relationship with our Heavenly Father, and living a life filled with joy, we can also have a peace in our hearts knowing that our eternal destiny is secure.

We can be comfortable with the Christ of history, the Christ of the Bible, as we accept and embrace Him on His own terms.

Pancake Breakfast At Ag. Congregational

Hear ye, hear ye! A pancake breakfast has been scheduled at Agawam Congregational Church on Sunday, December 10th, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The menu will include pancakes, sausage, juice, and coffee, tea, or milk. All for only \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12 and under.

Please call the church office for reservations at 786-7111.

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

Sunday, December 10, 1995, is the second Sunday of Advent. Each Sunday in December, the Advent Candle will be lit by members of the congregation.

This Sunday, the Jeserski family—Fred, Diane, Lindsay, and Mark—will light the second Advent Candle, which is the Light of Peace.

This Sunday, our Sanctuary Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, "A Child is Born."

The Children's Communion Service will be held for the Church School classes of kindergarten through sixth grade. This service is held twice a year to instruct the young people on the meaning and symbolism of Holy Communion. Parents are invited to attend as well.

The Deacons will assist Rev. Fuller in this educational Communion Service. The service will be held in the church school worship chapel.

The children's Church School Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 17th, during their Church School classes.

Playgroup continues each Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Playgroup will break from December 27th (when school is on Christmas vacation) and resume on Wednesday, January 3, 1996.

Need some peaceful time during the holiday rush? Please join us for the Wednesday night worship service at 7:00 p.m.

The half-hour format includes singing favorite Christmas hymns, prayers, and communion.

An Advent Series led by Dan Pender, a practitioner of Marriage and Family Therapy in Agawam, will continue each Wednesday evening at 7:35 p.m. following the Midweek Service.

This Wednesday, December 13th, the session will be "This is not what I expected ... a barn child!"

The sessions will be from 7:35 to 8:30 p.m.

Pageant rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Pageant Service continue each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. on December 9th, 16th, and 23rd (dress rehearsal) at the church.

The Christmas Eve day and evening Church Schedule is as follows:

Morning service, 10:30 a.m.; Christmas Pageant, 5:00 p.m.; and Candlelight Service, 11:00 p.m.

Plan to attend one, two, or all three!

Please remember that our deadline is Tuesday at noon.

Baked Ham And Bean Dinner Slated At Ag. Methodist Church

Agawam Methodist Church will hold a baked ham and bean supper on December 16th at 5:30 p.m.

Seniors are only \$5, and all others are \$6.

The menu will be comprised of baked ham, homemade baked beans, baked potato, vegetable, and assorted desserts.

For reservations, call the church at 786-4174 or Dana Henry at 789-0684.

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From the PULPIT

by Rev. Len Cowan
St. David's Church

"Waiting With The Word"

We've just begun the holiday season of waiting, and like many people, I hate to wait: waiting for a package delivery at home; waiting for the traffic to clear; waiting at the checkout lines; waiting for the party to begin; waiting for Christmas itself; and, perhaps, waiting for December 26th, when I can collapse in gratitude that it's all over, 'til next year.

I hate to wait, so this is not, by nature, the kind of season I like. However, in the midst of my waiting, and yours, we have an opportunity to gain something very important. While we anxiously peer down the street for that special arrival, or honk our horns to get the traffic moving, or look at our watches as the lines get held up, or as we count off the shopping days 'til Christmas, we can either seize an opportunity to receive the best Christmas gift of all, or we can blow it all in fruitless frustration.

This same opportunity to gain in waiting is available to those who wait for less positive reasons than those connected with the holidays, such as those who wait anxiously for news of a loved one too long in the operating room; or those who wait for their pain to subside; or those who wait with someone who is near death, wondering when God will mercifully end the agony; or even those who themselves wait for death, those in Christ who long to be set free from this life so they can join those who have moved on in Him to the life beyond.

All who wait, for the most trivial to the most profound reasons, have the opportunity to receive the greatest gift in life, particularly in the midst of what can be agonized waiting. That gift is the deeper knowledge of God, the Lord of all time, who waits before us, with us, and after us in His Son, Jesus Christ.

In Christ we are met by a God who has dwelt among us, coming out of eternity into time. In His time here on earth, He, too, knew what it was like

to wait: waiting nine months in Mary's womb to be born; waiting 30 years to begin his active ministry; waiting three years to complete His ministry at the cross; waiting on the cross for six hours of agony before He died; waiting three days before He rose from the dead; and waiting almost 2,000 years to complete His world plan, so that everyone who is called into His Kingdom may come in before He comes again. Our God knows what it's like to wait, to wait in expectation, as well as to wait in agony.

And so, perhaps most particularly while we are waiting, God takes the opportunity to speak to us. While we are in the in-between times of waiting, whether it be in the supermarket, or in the car, or at home, or at the bedside, God can get our attention in ways He cannot while we are rushing about. It is here, in the midst of waiting, that God speaks.

So may I suggest, to myself as much as to you, that during these inevitable times of waiting, particularly so during this season, we wait with the Word, listen for the Lord who has been and is speaking to us. WAIT WITH THE WRITTEN WORD.

God speaks in the Scriptures, which are described very simply as the "Word of God." May I suggest that you bring some devotional materials along with you at this time of year, little Scripture passages written out on a scrap of paper, so that while you're waiting, you may wait with the Word, and so gain the blessing of hearing a message from God.

WAIT WITH THE WORD IN PRAYER. Jesus promised to His followers that He would send them a Counselor, the Holy Spirit, who would speak to His followers, bearing witness to Him, and leading them into all the truth.

As we wait with the written Word, and learn to recognize the voice of our Lord, we can also come to hear His voice as we turn to Him in prayer, as the Spirit of truth speaks to us. Many of us pray, but do most of the talking.

When we're stuck in traffic, or in the supermarket, or waiting at home, or even in the hospital, this is a good time to be quiet, to listen to the Lord, to wait with the Word in prayer.

The Lord has wonderful things to say to us, Words of encouragement, of blessing, of correction, even Words of reproof that might, literally, save our lives, but we're often too busy to hear.

Let's make it our habit during this busy season to wait, to wait with the Word.

Advent Service Set At First Baptist Church For Sunday, Dec. 10th

The second Sunday in Advent will be celebrated at morning worship at 9:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

The Advent candle will be lighted by one of the newer members of the church. Special Christmas music will be offered by the choir.

The pastor's message will be "The God of Possibilities," with scriptural text taken from Luke 1: vs. 5-25. Coffee and conversation will follow worship, with classes available for all ages.

The senior high youth group will meet from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. The Long Range Planning Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m.

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, December 12th: 10:00 a.m., Searchlighters Circle meets; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class.

Wednesday, December 13th: 7:15 a.m., Mid Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open.

Thursday, December 14th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:00 p.m., Take Out and Talk Out Class; 7:00 p.m., Nuts & Bolts Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

The Caring Connection contact for the month of December is Janice Lock (789-6476). Call her for any concerns you may have.

Make plans now to attend the all-church family workshop. This will be held immediately following worship on December 17th in Bodurtha Hall.

Families will work together to create Christmas trimmings. Lunch will follow.

At 5:00 p.m., the Caring Connection and the Youth Groups will sponsor Christmas carolling in the community. All are invited to participate.

Once again, our church will be decorated with a handsome poinsettia tree in the sanctuary. If you want to participate in this by donating one or more flowers, contact Claire Crouss, 786-6137.

Flowers may be donated to shut-ins after they decorate the church for the special services of Christmas.

All the local news with us, each week


Nine Infants Baptized At St. John's

Father Howard W. McCormick, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, baptized nine infants recently.


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Annual Holiday Bazaar At Ag. Congregational



REV. CURT FULLER of the Agawam Congregational Church greets Rev. Toby Gbleh at the Annual Holiday Bazaar on Nov. 18th. Rev. Gbleh is from Liberia and is studying in Hartford. IN PHOTO BELOW, church volunteers Marion Ekstedt (left) and Mary Jane Stuart are elated over the great turnout.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



THE AG. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH was the scene for the Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 18th. IN PHOTO LEFT are members of the church's Senior High Youth Group - Bob Fuller, Sabrina Ferrari, Allison Moran, Jessica Hansen, and Cheryl Perkins. IN PHOTO RIGHT are church members and volunteers Norma Wheeler and Dot Brown. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



This Week At St. David's Church

Saturday, December 9th: 7:00 a.m., Men's Study, Smith Room; 1:30 p.m., K-4 Youth Group, Upper Hall; 5:00 p.m., HOLY EUCHARIST, Nave

Sunday, December 10th - Second Sunday in Advent: 8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Traditional, Nave; 10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Middle School (child care available)

Daily, Monday to Friday, December 11th-15th: 9:00 a.m., Church Office open to noon; 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer, Nave (Tu-Thu); 6:45 p.m., Evening Prayer (Tu-Thu)

Monday, December 11th: 7:00 p.m., Prayer, Nave; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group, Undercroft; 7:30 p.m., Healing Prayers, Nave

Wednesday, December 13th: 7:00 p.m., Advent Study, Under Croft

Thursday, December 14th: 9:30 a.m., Women's Bible Study, Upper Hall; 11:00 a.m., HOLY EUCHARIST, Nave; 11:45 p.m., Senior Party, Upper Hall; 7:30 p.m., Youth Confirmation Class, Upper Hall

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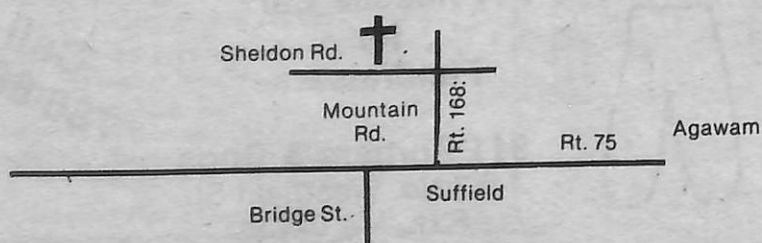
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A Service of Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. when Rev. Donaldson will deliver a sermon entitled, "Where There Is Hope There Is Life." Children are encouraged to attend the service with their parents; nursery care is provided.

Orders will be taken by the Flower Committee for poinsettias. Please see Betty Bava, Barbara Burgamaster, or Debbie Donaldson.

You may also call the church office at 786-5061 to order flowers.

Volunteers are needed to make desserts for Open Pantry for this coming Wednesday, December 13th.

If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your contribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

Charlie Horenstein would like to remind everyone to please return their pledge cards as soon as possible.

This Sunday is Open Pantry Sunday. If you are able to bring a bag of groceries or other needed items, please do!

If you are unable to do so, there will be envelopes available on the Open Pantry collection table in the sanctuary for cash donations.

Please complete and return to Patsy the Youth Group form handed out last week. More forms are available if you need one.

The Christian Ed Board would like to invite everyone to use the sign-up sheet in Griswold Hall to indicate that you will join in the fun at the Christmas Party to be held on Sunday, December 17th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Each child attending is asked to bring a white gift for the Open Pantry. The Party will include a potluck supper, caroling, and a visit from Santa!

Don't forget "Make It Day" on Saturday, December 16th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Gifts will be made for the elderly and delivered by the Sunday School.

The Mitten Tree in Griswold Hall will be up until the end of December, so you'll have plenty of opportunity to give a gift of warmth this season.

Sunday, December 17th, will be Christmas Family Sunday. The CE Board is planning a special program for the morning worship service at 10:00 a.m.

On the calendar this week:

December 9th: 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., Youth Group Pancake Breakfast.

December 10th: 10:00 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday; 11:30 a.m., Christian Ed meeting.

December 11th: 5:00 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Trustees' meeting.

December 12th: 12:00 noon, *Informer* deadline; 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions meeting.

December 13th: 2:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Choir.

December 14th: 7:30 p.m., Deacons' meeting; 7:45 p.m., Cub Scouts' Committee meeting.

December 16th: 9:00 a.m., "Make It Day" (CE gifts for the elderly).

December 17th: 10:00 a.m., Christmas Family Sunday.

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Following with tradition, the Curran family has

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All that respond to the Currans' invitation will receive a personalized Brightside Angel. A short memorial service will be conducted by local clergymen, as well as the Lighting of our Christmas Wreath.

Once again, Priscilla Hindmarsh, a bereavement facilitator for the local area, will be sharing her comments. We hope her words will help you to find the love, hope, peace, and serenity of Christmas that will live forever—not only in presence, but in spirit.

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Timeless Truth
For Today...

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When It Hurts,
Does God Care?

Are you hurting today? Maybe you have a family member who is dying, or a child with a permanent illness, or someone hates you for no reason, or you have lost your job, or your marriage is collapsing, or you are so depressed you don't feel like living. At those times, it is easy to wonder if anyone cares, even God. I have had the same feelings.

After all, God surely knows the pain that I am enduring. As God, He certainly has the power to change my circumstances or the people around me. And when things don't get change as I had hoped, or do not change as quickly as I had hoped, it is easy to assume that God just doesn't care. But it is a mistake, and here's why.

God originally created a good world free from suffering, pain, and death. However, the people God created used the freedom that He gave them to ignore Him and choose their own way, what the Bible calls sin. With the emergence of sin, everything changed; enter suffering, pain, and death.

Frankly, God could have just wadded up the universe and started over. He did something far more amazing, however, something in keeping with His great love. Rather than obliterate suffering, God became a man and shared the very worst of our suffering, so that our suffering may one day

end. The Bible puts it this way:

"Since the children have flesh and blood, he (Jesus) too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death ... and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death ... Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted." (Hebrews 3:14, 15, 18, NIV)

God cares enough about your suffering to pay the ultimate price, death, to end yours. He understands your suffering because he became one of us and experienced the pain:

* Did you lose a parent at an early age? Jesus knows about that.

* Has a friend stabbed you in the back? Jesus knows about that.

* Have you been ridiculed and laughed at? Jesus knows about that.

* Have you ever been so hungry, you thought you'd die? Jesus knows about that.

* Has a good friend acted like he didn't even know you? Jesus knows about that.

* Were you born into a very poor family? Jesus knows about that.

* Have you been beaten, or spit at? Jesus knows about that.

* Have you been unfairly criticized or falsely accused? Jesus knows about that.

* Do people curse you, or hate you? Jesus knows about that.

* Have you been condemned and judged by religious people? Jesus knows about that.

* Have you carried the weight of the sins of the entire world on your back in death?

Jesus knows about that.

God does not tell us all of the reasons why suffering is permitted to continue, but one thing is clear. It isn't because He doesn't care. No one you know understands your pain more than God does, because He's been there. Don't turn from God in your pain; instead, trust in the One who cared enough to die for you.

Sacred Heart Church To Unveil "Giving Tree"

With Advent, the season of preparation, upon us, Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills urges you not to forget their "Giving Tree" when you're preparing and shopping for your family's Christmas celebration.

Beginning this weekend, December 9th and 10th, the Sacred Heart Parish "Giving Tree" will be situated at the side altar closest to the pulpit. Your generosity and charity are needed again this year in helping to provide Christmas gifts for the infants, boys and girls (up to 15 years of age), and our elderly who otherwise might not have a Merry Christmas.

Simply place your contribution on or under the tree when you come to Mass next weekend. (Please leave the gifts unwrapped.)

Christmas Concert

The Senior and Junior Choirs of Sacred Heart will present their annual Christmas Concert on Sunday evening, December 17th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

The Cantata this year is "This Day of Celebration." Both choirs will perform in this Cantata and a Sing-A-Long is also included. Some Christmas selections will be sung as solos, duets, and a quartet backed up by the full choir.

The Junior Choir will sing a few of their own special carols, two Junior Choir members will be singing solos this year.

Sanctuary Choir At Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, December 10th at 10:30 a.m. during the morning Worship Service of the Agawam Congregational Church, the Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of Bryan Kirby, the church organist/choir director, will present a Christmas Cantata, "A Child is Born."

Come and enjoy a morning of beautiful music with the story of the birth of our Lord, Jesus

Christ.

The Golden Bell Choir, under the direction of Alice Moore, will ring during the Meditation time and Prelude of the Service. Come hear "Angels, We Have Heard on High," "Come All Ye Shepherds," "O, Holy Night," "Carol of the Bells," and "O Come All Ye Faithful" to begin your journey of this Advent Season.

Sale At Trading Post



THE TRADING POST, sponsored by the Agawam First Baptist Church in Agawam Center once again held a sale in November. IN TOP PHOTO, Donald Nowill looks over the selection of sweaters and sweatshirts. IN PHOTO BELOW, Emma Cross and Bernice Nowill are two of the volunteers (along with Donald) who help to operate The Trading Post. For further information on The Trading Post, contact The Agawam First Baptist Church. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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The Tax Consequences Of Mortgage Refinancing

Fortunately, with the availability of low interest rates, everyone by now has at least considered refinancing their home mortgage. The monthly cash savings of a refinance can be considerable, particularly if the original mortgage was obtained during the 1980's.

If you own a home and have an existing mortgage, the chances are great that you itemize deductions on your federal income tax return. However, if you're going to refinance your home mortgage to take advantage of lower interest rates, you should consider the income tax consequences.

Your itemized deductions may reduce because of the lower monthly mortgage payment. This could be of great surprise to a small business owner (such as a sole proprietor, partner, or independent contractor) who must make quarterly estimated tax payments.

The result could be a larger than anticipated liability come April 15th, or even worse, *underpayment penalties* for not taking into account their lower mortgage interest deduction when calculating their quarterly estimated tax payments.

Let's briefly look at some numbers. A married couple has an existing 30-year mortgage of \$150,000, at 10 percent, issued on January 1, 1989. At December 31, 1994, the remaining balance on this mortgage is about \$143,550. The couple refinances this amount at 7 percent, over 30 years, beginning on January 1, 1995.

The monthly payment drops from about \$1,317 to \$955 (a decrease of over \$360 per month!).

Now let's look at the tax consequences. If the couple's taxable income for 1995 is less than \$91,850, they're in the 28 percent federal tax bracket. The total interest expense for 1995, had the couple not refinanced the mortgage, would have been \$14,287.

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NEWSCHU REAL ESTATE has relocated to the former Shawmut Bank Building at the Southgate Shopping Plaza from Feeding Hills Center. MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON (center, top photo) officiated at ribbon cutting ceremonies on Saturday, November 18th. JOINING THE NEWSCHU STAFF (photo below) at the Grand Opening included, from left - Jack Walsh, Agawam CPA; David Ladiski, Agawam attorney; Helen & John Schuler, co-owners of Newschu; and Jasmine Cirino, JRS Realty. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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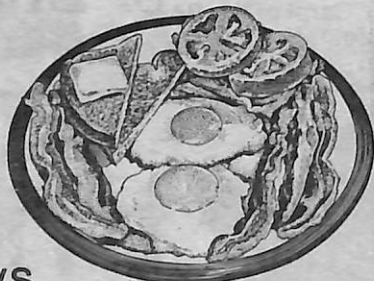


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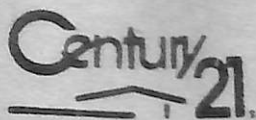
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A Smooth Move

Moving to a new house can be an exciting opportunity for you and your family as you anticipate unknown communities waiting to be discovered, new friendships, and perhaps even a job promotion. The best way to assure a "smooth move" is to carefully prepare for it.

With attention to detail, a lot of the stress of relocating can be eliminated, allowing you and your family to enjoy your moving adventure. The following information may be the answers to many of the questions you have regarding moving and how you can be on your way to a happy moving experience.

After the decision to relocate has been made, begin by telling all family members of the upcoming move. Discuss the reasons for the move and answer all questions openly and honestly. The support of your family will be invaluable.

Be enthusiastic as you provide your children with information about the new house and neighborhood, the schools, park, etc. This will alleviate many of their fears and give them a feeling of anticipation for the move. Get everyone involved in planning the move.

The question of when to move can only be answered after considering several factors. It may depend upon the sale of your house or the completion of other major commitments (such as financing and job circumstances) which will dic-

tate an exact moving date.

When planning your move, keep in mind, that the summer months are usually the busiest for professional moving companies. Scheduling your move during the off-season could mean more attention will be given to your individual needs and time requirements.

Don't automatically rule out moving during the school year - a mid-year move may be an advantage to your children as they meet new friends and adapt to a new neighborhood while school is still in session.

Now that you have made the decision to move, should you move yourself or hire a professional moving company? Moving yourself is likely the least expensive way to go; however, be prepared to invest a lot of time, energy, and patience when taking on this project.

If you decide to hire a professional moving company, start by contacting several reputable companies. Ask about their rates, available service, and extra charges for special handling. Get estimates based on the approximate weight of your belongings and the distance you will be traveling.

Inquire about insurance coverage protecting your belongings against damages and losses. Find out how claims are processed. Ask them for references and check them to determine the company's record for customer satisfaction.

How long it takes to make the actual move depends on whether you pack and move yourself, do the packing yourself and hire a professional moving company to do the moving, or simply let the movers do it all. In any case, the sooner you get started, the better.

Self-packing can take several weeks, depending on your available time and the amount of goods. On the other hand, a professional moving company can complete the task of packing and moving in a matter of days.

However, it is to your advantage to contact the moving company as early as possible to schedule your move. Even if the company is handling the packing, there are many other details for you to coordinate.

If you are moving soon, take the time to organize your plan of action, sketch out your plan and you will experience a "smooth move."

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By refinancing, this drops to \$10,002 for 1995, a decrease of \$4,285. *The increase in federal tax, however, is \$1,200.* Without proper planning, this could put a self-employed person into an estimated tax penalty situation.

For traditional W-2 employees, this could reduce or entirely eliminate any hopes for a refund (if a refund is traditionally expected), and may even create an unanticipated tax liability (as well as possible estimated tax penalties).

Refinancing a mortgage may be a prudent financial planning strategy. However, it only takes a few moments to determine what the effects would be on your personal income tax situation.

Contact your tax attorney or CPA, who will be more than happy to assist you.

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Pam Savioli Named "Agent Of Month" At Realty Agency

Landry, Lyons & Whyte/Better Homes & Garden has recently named Pam Savioli "Agent of the Month" of the Feeding Hills office. This award is given to the Agent with the highest number of listings and sales for the month.

Pam has been a successful full-time Realtor since 1986. She is a Certified Residential Sales Specialist and a New Homes Sales Specialist.

If you are interested in looking for your first home, moving to another home, or building a home, Pam Savioli is the Agent to call. The number for the Home Office is (413) 786-0663.

Terry White Joins George & Green Realty As Associate

Terry White announces her affiliation with George & Green Real Estate Co., Inc. in their newest office located at 60 Shaker Road, East Longmeadow.

Terry is a former Wilbraham resident, who has resided in Sixteen Acres for the past 11 years with her husband, Jim, and two children, Christina and Steven.

Terry brings with her 10 years experience as a service representative for the Social Security Administration.

She looks forward to serving her clients' needs in buying and selling real estate. You can reach her at 525-5610 or 782-0441.

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Sunrise Dating Service Has Holiday Specials

For many single and divorced people, meeting the right person these days is sometimes a complex and time-consuming task. After comparing the obvious options for singles, an alternative way might have been overlooked. Joining a dating service is a means to meet others that are also looking to enter into a long-lasting relationship.


Sunrise Dating Service of Agawam offers singles a way to maximize the potential for meeting others who enjoy the same or similar interests and who have the same relationship goals in mind. By utilizing pictures and videos in its service, Sunrise Dating Service's members are able to view prospective candidates.

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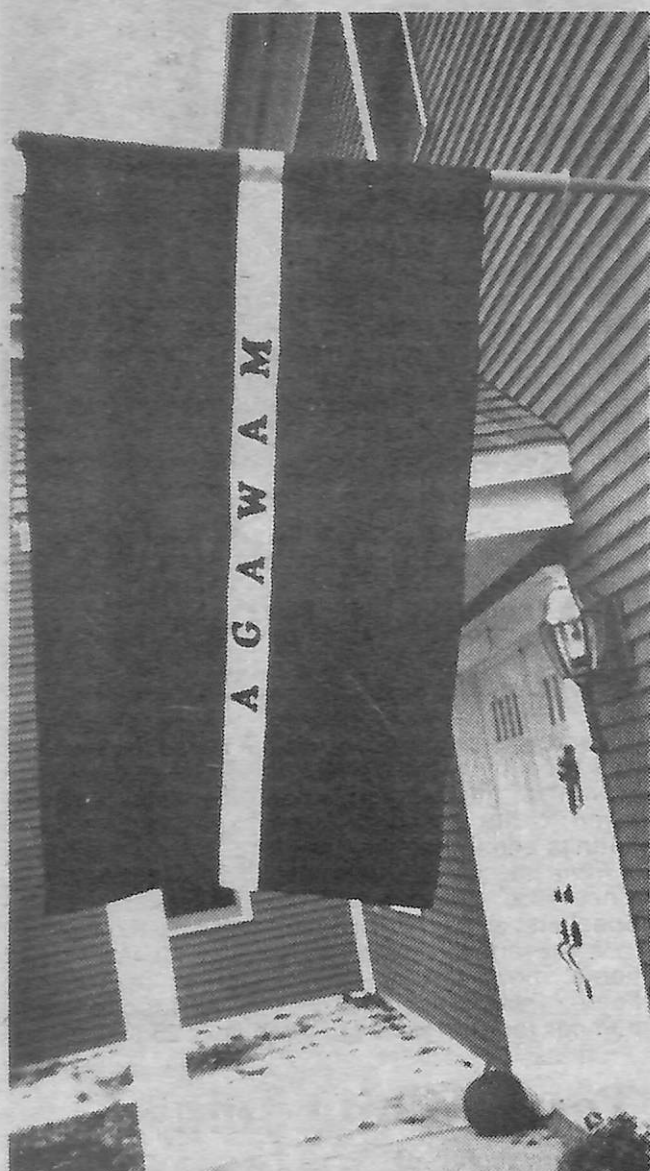
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Celebrating Orange & Brown Day



HAMPDEN COUNTY CHIROPRACTIC celebrated "Orange and Brown Day" in Agawam by displaying a flag made by Ann McDougal, a chiropractic assistant. Dr. Tami Nelson and her staff wore orange and brown while orange slices and raisins were served throughout the day to celebrate.

Cancer Support Group At Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital's LIFE (Living is Feeling Exceptional) Cancer Support Group will meet December 12th and 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew Street, Springfield. Meetings are open to cancer patients, their families, and friends. For more information, call the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.

Diabetic Programs To Be Offered At Mercy Hospital In Springfield

A series of diabetic education programs will be offered in December by the Patient Education Department at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

The free hour-long programs will be conducted on four consecutive days, beginning on December 11th at 2:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center. Topics include: "Introduction to Diabetes," "Diet and Diabetes," "Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes," and "Complications Related to Diabetes."

Registration is required. For more information, call the Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

Providence Hospital Offers Support Group For New Mothers

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke offers a free New Mothers' Support Group for moms with babies up to six months old. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 20th, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the hospital conference room.

Judy Hatch, R.N., I.B.L.C., facilitates the meetings, which provide information on topics including newborn care, infant feeding, parenting, and postpartum concerns. Mothers are encouraged to bring their babies.


Advance registration is required. For more information, call (413) 539-2950.

Breastfeeding Class At Providence Hospital

The Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke will conduct a Breastfeeding Class on December 14th from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the hospital conference room.

Taught by certified lactation consultant Madeline Boland, R.N., I.B.L.C., the program provides information on the benefits and basics of breastfeeding, breast-pumping techniques, and helpful tips to support a positive and successful breastfeeding experience. Partners are encouraged to attend.

The cost is \$10; advance registration is required. For more information, call (413) 539-2950.

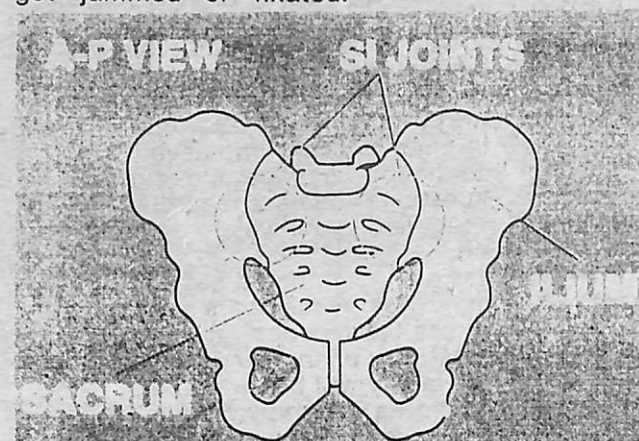


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Sacroiliac (SI) Syndrome

SI joint dysfunction is often ignored in health care. At the base of the spine is a bone called the sacrum.

The sacrum attaches to the pelvis or ilium. This creates two joints—the sacroiliac joints. These joints should move freely, but occasionally they get "jammed" or "fixated."



Chiropractors term this a "subluxation." A patient with SI syndrome may present:

- * Local or diffuse pain with tenderness at the joint level.
- * Pain may radiate to the buttock, groin, leg, or foot.
- * Limping.
- * Increased pain when turning over in bed.
- * Increased pain with sitting or rising from a sitting position.
- * Numbness or tingling above the knee.
- * Unequal leg length.

The goal of treating SI subluxations and fixations is to restore a more normal relationship between the sacrum and ilium. This consists of:

- * An accurate assessment.
- * Specific chiropractic adjustments.
- * Soft-tissue mobilization and rehabilitation.
- * Possible structural support.

If you feel you may be suffering with SI syndrome, seek chiropractic for assessment and treatment.

Dr. Nelson maintains an office at Hampden County Chiropractic, 850 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. She is available to answer questions on Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at 786-4820.

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Headaches Aren't Normal

On October 31, 1995, the Council on Chiropractic Guidelines and Practice Parameters provided input to the chronic headache panel of the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR).

You may recall from a past column of mine that AHCPR is a U.S. governmental agency. It made some remarkable statements regarding contemporary treatment for low back pain. In a follow-up segment, chiropractic was recognized on a "Good Morning, America" broadcast as an effective treatment for back pain.

The Council provided over 200 studies that support the effectiveness of chiropractic manipulation for all types of headaches. The AHCPR panel will take into account the public hearings as they begin to develop the first draft of the headache practice guidelines.

What is the chiropractic approach to the treatment of headaches? It is a drugless method which emphasizes the relationship of structure to function.

Neck vertebrae, when properly aligned and functioning, allow the normal cervical lordosis (a smooth, gradual, and forward curve when viewed from the side) to support the head. This forward curve is one of three primary curves of the spinal column.

Falls, jolts, and other stresses alter this important curve, making the neck vulnerable to stresses. The result may be headaches that continually recur. Chiropractic treatment often provides the relief.

If headache problems persist, call the **SCHLAFER CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE**, 192 Shoemaker Lane, (413) 789-1369. We care about you!

Breast Cancer Support Group To Meet At Mercy Hospital

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital in Springfield, will meet Tuesday, December 19th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center.

The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed as having breast cancer. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.

**Food for Thought**

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

Vitamin To Cut Your Risk Of Heart Disease

According to the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), as many as 50,000 deaths could potentially be prevented by increasing intakes of folic acid. This is based on studies that show folic acid reduces elevated serum homocysteine levels, which are a risk factor for heart disease—the leading killer of American men and women.

Meir Stampfer, MD, DrPh, of the Harvard School of Public Health, says, "Homocysteine is a by-product of protein metabolism that the body creates, and when high levels are formed this can cause heart disease."

"Folic acid," he adds, "is the best way to lower it in the blood. This condition is very common in the U.S. Perhaps 20 to 30 percent of the population have levels of homocysteine higher than they should be."

According to a recent survey, less than 19 percent of American men and women are aware of the health benefits of folic acid.

Foods high in folic acid include green leafy vegetables, beans, citrus fruits, and whole wheat bread. While it's important to get most of our folic acid from food, the JAMA reports 88 percent of American adults consume less than 400 mcg of folic acid per day.

If necessary, multi-vitamins are a convenient way to bridge the gap and get the folic acid you need.

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**Living Well**

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More Reasons To Exercise

Many people tell me, "I would like to exercise, but I do not have the time." It is either the job or the family that people use for their excuse.

I met up with a middle-aged man last week who told me, "I wish that I had started exercising earlier, but I could never seem to find the time. It's funny, though, after my heart attack, I seemed to find the time."

My point is that we all have enough time to improve our health, but if we do not find time now, we may not get a second chance to fit it in. If your health is a priority, everyone else will benefit (including your job and your family).

These recent studies should give you further reason to exercise:

* As many as 12 percent (250,000) of all deaths per year in the U.S. may be attributed indirectly to a lack of physical activity. Only one in four Americans exercise enough to be considered physically fit. *U.C. Berkeley Wellness Letter, June 1995*

* The *New England Journal of Medicine* reported that even being a little plump can be bad for your health. Mild to moderate overweight is associated with a substantial risk of premature death.

* According to *Health's* October issue, 73 percent of American women do not get the government recommended minimum amount of exercise.

* 10 pounds gained from the late teens to age 30 raises the risk of breast-cancer 23 percent; 15 pounds, 37 percent; and 20 pounds, 52 percent. *Tufts University Diet & Nutrition Letter.*

Experts updating the American Dietary Guidelines want to add this advice, says a Reuters report: get some exercise. The revision says exercise "is an important way to use up food energy."

* *Tufts's University Diet & Nutrition Letter* reported that overweight people are 2-6 times more likely to develop high blood pressure, a major risk factor for heart disease, than those of a healthy weight.

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Photography Exhibit At Library During December By David Neill

A photography exhibit by David W. Neill is taking place during the month of December at the Agawam Public Library. The exhibit features 20 photographs of antique homes and their owners. For more information, contact Neill at 732-4137.

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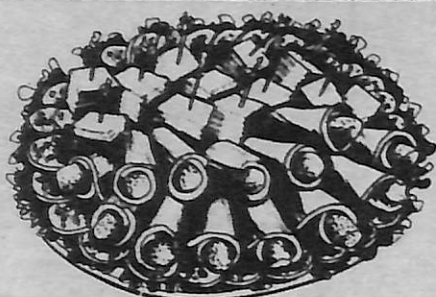
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Messiah To Be Staged At Symphony Hall By Springfield Symphony

The familiar and inspiring sounds of Handel's *Messiah* will be heard in the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall on Wednesday, December 13th and Springfield Symphony Hall on Thursday, December 14th as the Springfield Symphony Orchestra and the University of Massachusetts Music Department join forces. The University's Chamber Choir and musicians from the Springfield Symphony will perform under the baton of E. Wayne Abercrombie, Music Department Professor.

The Choir and Orchestra will perform from Parts I and II of the Oratorio. The concert will include several much-loved sections such as *Comfort ye my people, Every valley, O Thou that tellest good tidings, For unto us a child is born, and All we like sheep have gone astray.*

The evening will culminate with a performance of the *Hallelujah* chorus. Soloists, all UMass Department of Music alumni who have gone on to sing professionally, include: Laura Bewig, soprano (BA '93); Eileen Ruby, alto (BM '89); Jong-Hyun Lee, tenor ('91); and Byron Jones, bass-baritone (MA '89).

A Collaboration

The current collaborative project is one of several that have involved UMass students and faculty and musicians from the Symphony. The Chamber Choir and the Symphony performed *Messiah* in 1992, attracting hundreds of listeners to the Fine Arts Center.

Mark Russell Smith, newly appointed Music Director of the Springfield Symphony, also serves as Visiting Associate Professor at UMass. He conducts the University Orchestra during the 1995-96 season and teaches a graduate level seminar in instrumental conducting.

"Collaborations such as these lead to enormous benefits for both organizations and are especially important as each institution seeks to maintain the highest standards of excellence in times of tight budgets," says Ernest May, Chairman of the UMass Department of Music & Dance.

Tickets

Tickets to the 8:00 p.m., December 13th event at the Fine Arts Center are \$12 for the general public, \$8 for students, senior citizens, and children, and \$5 for UMass students. Tickets are available at the Fine Arts Center Box Office at (413) 545-2511.

Tickets to the Symphony Hall performance on December 14th at 8:00 p.m. are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens, and \$5 for individuals 17 years old and under. Call the Symphony Box office at (413) 733-2291 for tickets.

The performances are co-sponsored by Coopers & Lybrand, Provost Patricia Crosson, the Fine Arts Center, and the UMass Alumni Association.

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Agawam Poetry

Departure

*As a child departs the nest
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Straying to thoughts of before,
contributing to the playing chore.*

*Erratic in her daily scheme.
How can she share this floating dream.
Another child, that's the decision
but common sense quells this vision.*

*Envision career plans to alter
the wasted emotion of a mother.
But concrete walls are non-porous,
alien to the urgency she cherishes.*

*Then slowly a new feeling arises.
Filtering out the self pity.
Successful memories envelop
developing future possibilities.*

*On life goes, as one discovers.
Potentials endlessly flourish
as your love redirects debating
into the right mode of creating.*

*Consider the Grandchildren
that are waiting.*

by Lois Sklera Chaput
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Topper's is helping Channel 57 to raise funds to support public television. In addition to providing free refreshments for telethon workers, **Topper's** is promoting "WOOF," a dog obedience show to be aired on Channel 57 on Saturday, December 9th, at 4:00 p.m.

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At Red Door Theatre



CAST MEMBERS OF "Scrooge, The Stingiest Man In Town" rehearse a dance sequence at Fezziwig's party in preparation for the Hilltop Players Family Theatre's next production. The musical, based on Dickens' "Christmas Carol," will be presented at The Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA, on December 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th at 7:30 p.m., and on December 10th at 2:00 p.m. All tickets are \$5, and reservations are suggested by calling (413) 789-2026.



Ask Dr.

by Stephen Jacapraro,
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TMJ SYNDROME

Q. What is TMJ syndrome?

A. First, TMJ stands for temporomandibular joints. These joints connect the jawbone with the skull and allow up-and-down chewing action and some side-to-side motion.

TMJ syndrome is the development of pain, sometimes severe, in these joints. There is a variety of causes, including stresses such as clenching the jaws and injury to ligaments attached to the joint. Such injury can be triggered by something as nonviolent as an extreme yawn. In some cases, the pain disappears by itself. For relief from persisting pain, there are measures such as muscle relaxants, therapy to stretch and relax jaw muscles, or a plastic guard which fits over the teeth and modifies jaw movement.

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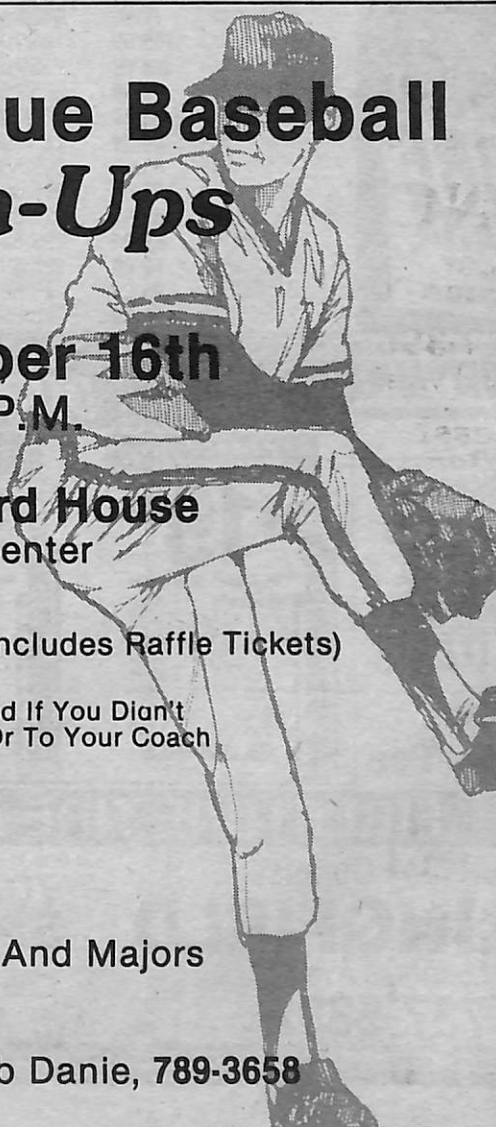
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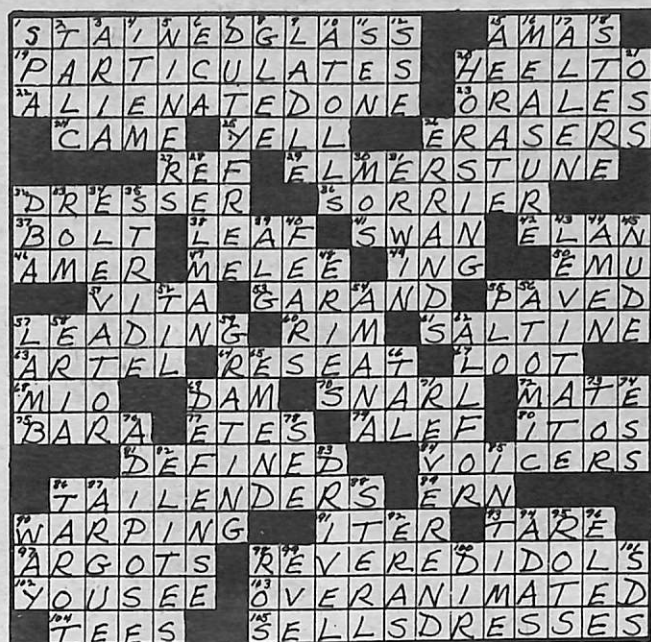
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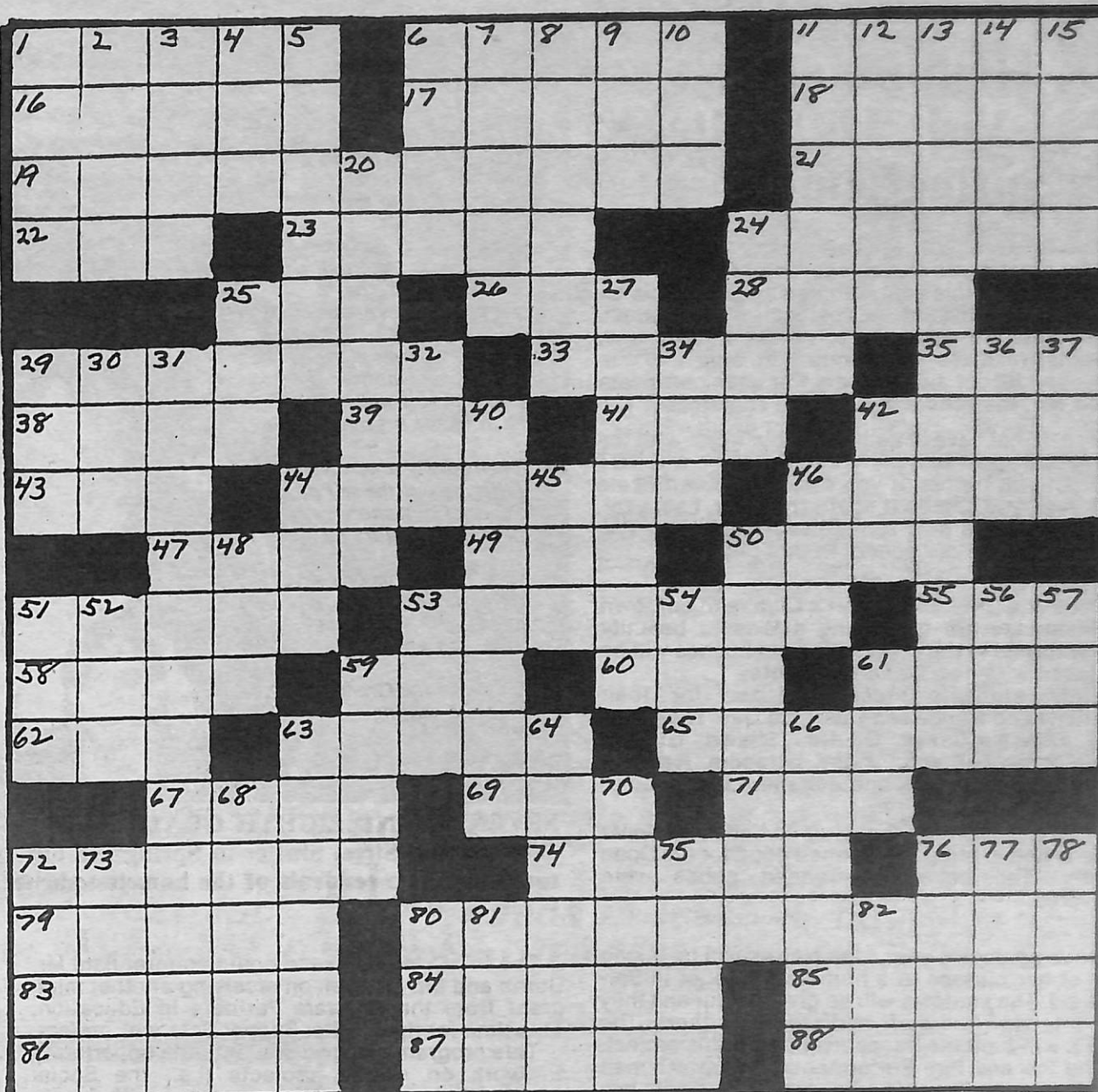
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- 1 An Amati relative
- 6 Nathan and kin
- 11 Beasts of burden
- 16 Papal cape
- 17 Odor
- 18 Para follower
- 19 Beach activity
- 21 French count
- 22 Hanoi holiday
- 23 Declaim
- 24 North African moslem
- 25 Devoured
- 26 Energy unit
- 28 In reference
- 29 Orderly withdrawal
- 33 Smart ones
- 35 Celtics' league
- 38 Feel sore all over
- 39 Gratuity
- 41 Paving ingredient
- 42 Med school subject
- 43 Somme summer
- 44 Passed on
- 46 On one's toes
- 47 Armed incursion
- 49 Actor Ayres
- 50 Assist in a crime
- 51 B. Goodman's realm
- 53 Wanted poster pay-offs
- 55 Recover the lawn
- 58 Near or far follower
- 59 Tippler
- 60 Sweet veggie
- 61 Certain
- 62 Numerical prefix
- 63 Annoy
- 65 Field workers

DOWN

- 1 Like a down-filled pillow
- 2 Test response
- 3 Rave
- 4 Clay today
- 5 Indicate
- 6 Sounds from St. Nick
- 7 Mountain ridge
- 8 50% of game players
- 9 Large flightless bird
- 10 '— Diego'
- 11 Entrance to a computer
- 12 Word with cut or stop
- 13 A summery song girl
- 14 Major follower
- 15 One with ESP
- 20 Paid for all
- 24 Max the heavy-weight
- 25 'We — not amused'
- 27 Entrance
- 29 'Norma —'
- 30 Relative of et al

- 31 Symbol on the Japanese flag
- 32 Sesame
- 34 Meander about
- 36 Ingot
- 37 ABA member for short
- 40 Artist's paint plate
- 42 Lager
- 44 Semi truck
- 45 Evergreen
- 46 Bedouin tribesman
- 48 Pismire

- 50 Hero worshipper
- 51 Unit of tennis play
- 52 Armed conflict
- 53 'Viva Le —'
- 54 Ship deserter
- 56 Bruins great Bobby
- 57 '— Plaines'
- 59 Hurried
- 61 Stallone
- 63 Disburses
- 64 Merited
- 66 Occupant
- 68 Mata Hari was one

- 70 Propelled a boat
- 72 'You have my — on it'
- 73 Lotion ingredient
- 75 '— and soul' (song title)
- 76 Neophyte
- 77 Sacred bull of Egypt
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The P.T.O. at the Agawam Junior High School held a meeting on November 13th at 7:30 p.m.

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The P.T.O., the Jr. Women's Club, and our town maintenance are combining efforts to beautify the entrance to the school. The old bushes will be replaced with new flowering plants.

Eight students received prizes for their costumes on Halloween Costume Day. They were Lori Clarke, Casey Gaulin, Shawn Gloster, Christopher LeBlanc, Christi Letendre, Rebecca Long, Henry Spadoni, and Jonathan Watson.

In exchange for "dressing-up," the students were asked to bring in a canned good for the Open Pantry. Ten boxes of canned goods were delivered.

Once again this year, Lisa Nettes will be taking one of her classes to a homeless shelter in Springfield. The students will be given a tour and they will interview the staff and residents there. The P.T.O. will fund the transportation for this project.

The Ice and Fire Performance Group will visit the Jr. High on Thursday, December 21st, with two performances of THE NUTCRACKER. This will be an all-school assembly funded by the P.T.O.



SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS at the Agawam Junior High visited the **Worthington Street Shelter** in Springfield during this holiday season. The students are pictured with two residents of the homeless shelter.

The P.T.O. would like to again congratulate Mr. Burns and Mr. Sartwell on receiving another mini-grant from the Agawam Partners in Education. This time for their "After Supper Science" project.

This program will give students the opportunity to work on special projects (i.e., the Social Studies Fair, science projects, etc.) with family members, the business community, and have technical assistance from the school.

If you would like more information or are interested in helping with his project, please contact Mr. Burns or Mr. Sartwell at the Jr. High.

The next meeting of the P.T.O. will be on Monday, December 18th at 7:30 p.m. in the school's cafeteria. Please support your children and the school by attending this meeting.



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First Graders At Clark School Produce Thanksgiving Special

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

On the day before the Thanksgiving break, one class of first graders at Clark School showed they had the fine points of America's first holiday down pat.

Dressed in Pilgrim and Native American garb, the children welcomed their parents and their school community to a reenactment of the first Thanksgiving on the school's stage. Later, the children hosted their own holiday feast for their families in the school's gym.

Both celebrations mirrored the themes of cooperation, friendship, and sharing as the children, directed by their teachers, Joyce Rheume and Gail Curnow, retold the tale of the first Thanksgiving before sitting down to their feast of sharing soup, cornbread, pumpkin bread, and Mayflower bread (slices of bread topped with "sails" of American cheese held in place by a toothpick mast).

On stage, the children spoke of the Pilgrim's gathering and preparing the food for the feast as they eagerly awaited their Indian guests. In the gym, the children proudly shared the fruits of their efforts with their families and classmates.

Principal Sandra Howard said, "The children prepared all the food themselves. They each had to bring something to contribute to the sharing soup."



FIRST GRADERS AT JAMES CLARK SCHOOL staged a Thanksgiving Program on Wednesday, November 22nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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In two brief acts, the children entertained and educated their audience with the historical details of the first Thanksgiving and brought the human side of the story to life with a look at one Pilgrim family getting ready for the three days of feasting and playing games with their Indian friends.

Like the Pilgrims, the children spent days preparing for their performance as well as preparing the food for their feast.

"We tried to give the children a true understanding of Thanksgiving," Mrs. Rheume said.

Assisting in the production were special education teacher Laura Brown, speech language

therapist Cinday Palazi, and teaching assistant Patty Bulat. Parent Karen Plante, along with her mother-in-law, Doris, served as the play's costume department by stitching up the skirts for the Pilgrims.

The Room 2 players were:

Adam Plante, Leah Marsh, Nico Conner, Liz Connolly, Anna Mischia, Danny Geiger, Corey Drouin, Amanda Bond, Caitlin Hurley, James Benades, Geraldo DeJesus, Michael Pietroniro.

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Final Curtain On Strings Program In Agawam Schools Appears Imminent

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The final curtain will likely ring down on the School Department's program for young string musicians at the end of the month.

At the November 25th meeting of the School Committee, Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest said he had received a letter from strings teacher Meredith Quitno announcing her decision to leave the after-school program.

Charest said Mrs. Quitno was leaving because of the added responsibilities of teaching music full-time and because of the difficulties in teaching students with varying degrees of proficiency in the restructured program.

Unless the School Department can attract another strings teacher, Charest said, "We will no longer be instructing strings in Agawam."

Given the difficulty the School Department experienced in hiring an instructor, Charest said he did not expect to be able to fill the after-school position, but he promised to do more than merely "go through the motions" of finding a replacement if the committee so desired.

"I don't want to get anyone's hopes up," Charest said. "We can't get people to come in a couple of times a week to teach."

Last year, the strings program was offered during the day to small groups of students at the Mid-

dle School, Junior High, and High School at a cost of about \$16,000 for a part-time strings instructor.

When the program was cut in April, Mrs. Quitno accepted a full-time position teaching music at the Middle School. In October, she agreed to take on the after-school strings program twice a week, but the class was not working out as everyone had hoped, Charest said.

Plagued With Problems

Among the problems plaguing the after-school program: shorter lessons offered just twice a week; a wide range of ability levels in one large class; and cancellation of the program when the late bus is cancelled.

"It's time to say we're either going to reinstate the program (during the day) or drop it," Charest said.

Superintendent of Schools Bernard F. Ryder said he would not recommend the restoration of the strings program in next year's school budget.

"I believe it's a great program, but the issue of this type of instruction is not in the financial area of where the school system should spend its up-front money," Ryder said.

Although the radio in his car is tuned to a classical station, Ryder said other educational needs of the school system must take precedence over strings instruction.

Series Of Holiday Concerts Slated For Agawam Schools Beginning Dec. 13th

The Agawam Schools will ring in the season with a series of holiday performances. The annual Winter Concert at the Junior High will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 p.m.

In the Junior High auditorium, this concert, under the direction of Scott Thomson, Susan Brown, and practicum student Christine Davis, will feature band and chorus students in grades seven and eight, and will culminate with a combined number and holiday sing-a-long.

Audience participation will also be the focus of a combined band and chorus concert, scheduled to take place at the High School on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.

The High School Jazz Band, Concert Band, Show Choir, and Freshman Chorus will be featured at this event. The groups are under the direction of Stephen Files and Tammy Watson.

The sixth grade Band and Chorus will present their Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium. The Band is conducted by Kenneth Longstreeth and the Chorus is under the direction of Meredith Quitno.

A \$2 donation for each performance is requested. Canned goods and non-perishable food items for Open Pantry will be accepted at all three schools.

For more information about any of the upcoming performances, contact Tammy Watson at Agawam High School, 789-1400, ext. 410.

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Math Project



TEACHERS NANCY FARRELL (left) and DONNA WATSON of the Agawam Junior High School are participating in *MATHLINE: THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH PROJECT* for grades five through eight, a groundbreaking national in-service training program and resource center dedicated to improving the professional skills of mathematics educators and the math achievement of students. Forty-six teachers from Western Mass. are taking part in the project, designed by PBS and coordinated locally by public television station WGBY/57. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AHS Guidance...

by Judith Cohen
Acting Director
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Some Important Information For Agawam High Parents

As the new acting Guidance Director, I would like to share the following with you...

Currently, seniors are handing in their college applications. When they are received, it usually takes about one week to process them, since recommendations must be written and college forms completed. Please pay attention to deadlines.

Students must include the following:

1. An addressed envelope with three stamps. We will put the return address on the envelope.
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Our annual Financial Aid Night will take place on Thursday, December 14th, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Lee Sirois, Director of Financial Aid at A.I.C.

This year, there will be two new forms, the Profile and FAFSA, both of which will be discussed by Dr. Sirois. The forms will be available at the meeting.

Be prepared to stay for two hours, take notes, and ask questions. This meeting is a must for parents of seniors who are furthering their education.

Look for a guidance column in *The Agawam Advertiser* each month. The Middle School, Junior High, and High School will be commenting on important happenings.

The High School Guidance Department will have weekly meetings, and the entire department will have monthly meetings.

It is our hope to have increased contact with parents via the media, telephone, and school visits.

I welcome your comments and look forward to addressing them. You may reach me at 789-1400, ext. 415.

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Thanksgiving Feast At Perry Lane Park



THE PERRY LANE PARK PRESCHOOL held a Thanksgiving Feast on November 22nd with staff members and the young program participants. A great time was had by all and the program was a good way to give further meaning to the holiday weekend for the kids.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Fitness First To Accept Canned Goods For The Next "Teen Night"

Fitness First's Teen Night this weekend (December 9, 1995) will be accepting canned goods in lieu of the customary \$3 admission fee.

Students may bring in one canned good for each dollar towards their admission into the club for Teen Night. For instance, if a student brings in one canned good, he pays \$2; if he brings in two canned goods, he only pays \$1; and if he brings in three canned goods, entry is FREE!

The canned goods will be donated to the Agawam Junior Women's Club Holiday Basket promotion that feeds underprivileged families in Agawam at Christmas.

If anyone in the community would like to support this cause with non-perishable foods, you may drop off your donation inside the door at Fitness First at 60 North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Questions on Teen Night? Call Fitness First at 786-1460.

(There will NOT be Teen Night on December 16th, 23rd, or 30th. Teen Nights resume January 6th.)

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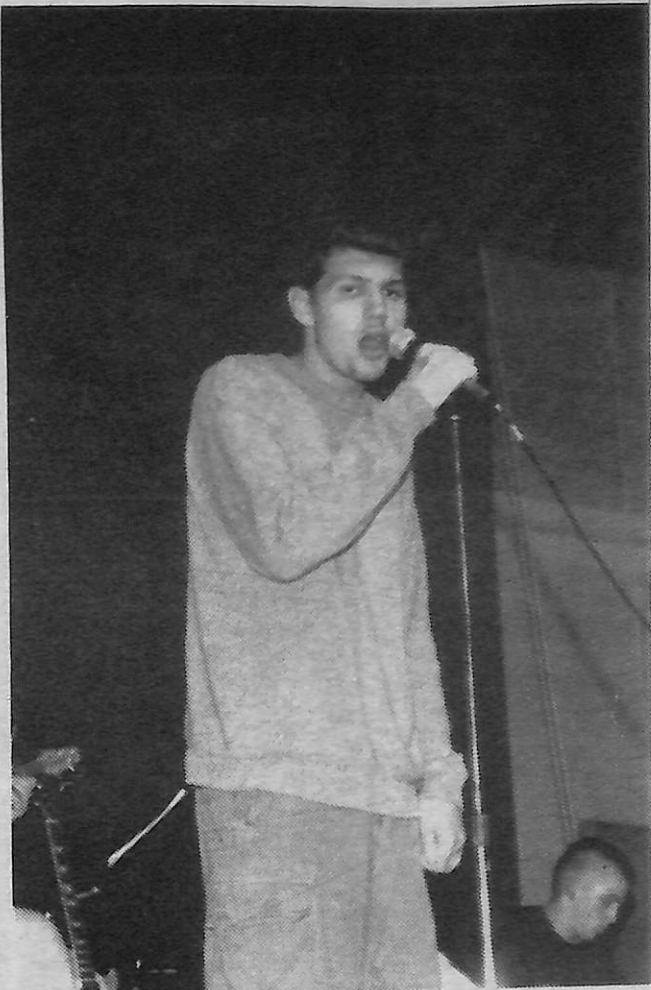
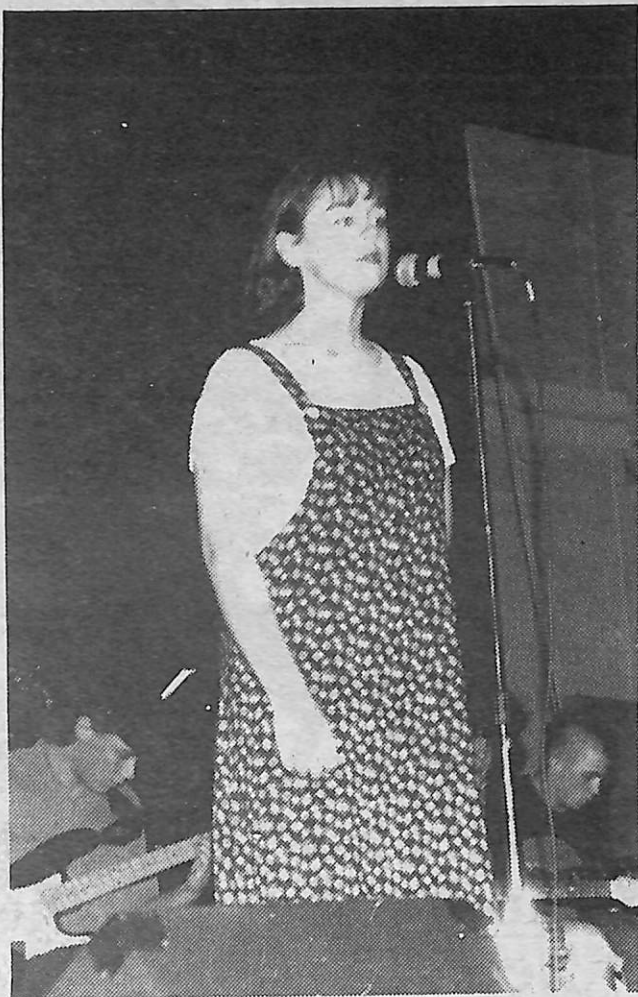
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THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL “TOP 40” CONCERT, under the direction of faculty member Steve Files, was held recently and was once again a huge hit at the school. PICTURED PERFORMING, from left - Elizabeth Butler, Dave DellaRusso, and Steve Sands. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



HEATHER PETERSON belts out a tune at the Agawam High School TOP 40. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ALFRED ALBANO (left) and LISA REVERUZZI were two of the performers at the Agawam High School TOP 40 Concert. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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Tuesday, December 12th: Cheese ravioli with tomato sauce, seasoned green beans, Italian bread & butter, raspberry jello with topping or fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday, December 13th: Grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, oven French fries with catsup, peanut butter cookie or fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, December 14th: Meatballs in tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, bread & butter, tossed garden salad with spinach greens & dressing, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

Friday, December 15th: Oven-baked sea nuggets with catsup or tartar sauce, potato puffs, niblet corn, bread & butter, ice cream cup, milk.

* **REMINDER:** Elementary lunch is \$1/per day or \$5/weekly.

(NOTE: Please remember to purchase your tickets on Mondays for the week. Personal checks are accepted, payable to: The Agawam School Lunch.)

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The Troop is planning many trips and events for the year. The girls are participating in Pioneer Valley Pals with Troop 8 from East Longmeadow.

We are looking forward to meeting them and planning a camping trip in the spring.

Robinson Park School Junior Troop 555 braced themselves for the cold and set off on a hike this past meeting. By popular vote, the girls decided to take a "Career" hike.

We began our hike at the school and, in spite of falling snow, made our way to Friendly's Restaurant. Along the way, we sighted many careers ranging from Teacher, Librarian, Nurse to Pharmacist, Veterinarian, and Cook.

We saw well over 25 jobs on our walk. We ended with a meal at Friendly's complete with a tour of the restaurant by Jean.

We thanked Jean and Sandy from the Friendly's staff for making our visit most enjoyable.

This hike completed one of the requirements for the "Your Outdoor Surroundings" badge we are working on.

Brownie Troop 587 from Phelps School started off the year with a walking field trip. We went to the Old Cemetery on Main Street next to the new fire station.

The girls did gravestone rubbings with crayons as part of the requirements for the "Listening To The Past" Try-It.

They took the name they chose home to create a story about their life that they would share at our next meeting. The stories were wonderful and very creative, too!

Another week, we played games from the past such as hopscotch, jumprope, hoop rolling, and hula hoop. We made homemade ice cream, too. The girls were surprised how long it takes to make. It didn't take nearly as long to eat it!

On Saturday, November 18th, we went on a field trip to the Science Museum in Albany, New York to see the Shark Exhibit and take a peek at the rest of the museum. It was incredible! The girls learned there are over 350 different species of sharks. They also climbed into a shark cage used by divers when they want to view sharks in their natural habitat, the ocean.

We saw many other interesting things; a woolly mammoth and its baby, an Indian long house, a real stuffed moose (boy, are they tall!), and gemstones native to New York, to name a few. The girls brought bag lunches for a picnic at the Museum. Our last stop was the gift shop where

each girl enjoyed picking out her own souvenirs from the trip.

We'd like to extend a special "Thank You" to Moms Caryl Shively and Marilyn Ziembra for accompanying us. The field trip would have been impossible without you!

There are many more fun activities in store to make this year special. We'll be sure to share them with you later!

Brownie Troop 586 from Robinson Park School is excited about our second year in Brownies. We are happy to welcome some new girls into our troop.

The girls are currently working on the "My Body" Try-It. To earn this Try-It, we have done our fingerprints, tried our reflexes, and some brain power activities. We also made a fitness wheel and have been getting quite a workout using it!

We're putting some of the information we learn about ourselves in "This Is Me" books. In addition, we will be learning about our similarities and differences.

We enjoyed a visit by Joanne Allard from the Girl Scout Council presenting the Green Circle program. The girls learned about including people in our circle despite our differences.

As the holidays approach, we are concerned for those in need and will be sponsoring a child with the Agawam Junior Women's Club Holiday Basket program.

We also look forward to (hopefully) carolling at Heritage Hall Nursing Home to help brighten the residents' spirits during this season.

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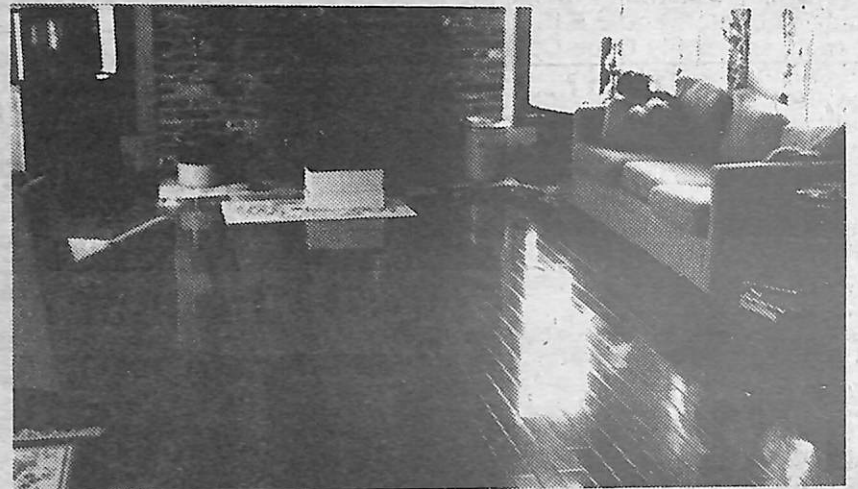
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Sports

Jeff Rousseau Enjoys Strong Season For AHS Boys' Soccer

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If there was one player on the Agawam High boys' soccer team this season who exemplified what they were all about, it had to be midfielder **Jeff Rousseau**. There was no quit in him. He'd go north and south, east and west, patrolling his turf like he owned it.

While he wasn't a scorer or an assist guy, he was every bit a defender. Teams had to sweat to get by him. And when they did, he was right on their tail, pressuring them every boot of the way.

Recently, he took some time out to talk about his life at Agawam High. He has some pretty diverse academic interests, among them, physics, modern literature, and sports literature. "Every weekend we are assigned to watch a game, then write about it. We try to get the essence of it and the keys to what happened during the action," he explained.

Sounds like a budding sportswriter? Maybe not. He wants to attend Northeastern University in Boston and major in criminal justice. Then he hopes he'll be off to the State Police or the FBI. He also wants to continue playing soccer in college.

He's also a soccer ref. And he was responsible for this summer's six-on-six league held on Sundays at the High School.

The reason he plays so hard? "Motivation," he says. "I love wearing orange and brown." But those aren't his favorite everyday colors. "It's blue," he says.

He tends to favor jeans and a shirt with a button-down collar.

Some of his favorite things besides soccer include playing basketball with his friends, going to the movies (Fletch and J.F.K. head the list), and the beach, especially Cape Cod.

His favorite teacher is Mrs. Joanne Brown.

And the car he'd like to tool around in - a red Mitsubishi 3000 GT.

He makes some money working for Coca Cola, setting up displays in stores.

His hero - basketball star David Robinson.

His dad's name is Bob. His mother, Janet, is a teacher in Agawam. His sister, Carrie, is a law student at WNEC. His brother, Chet, is a freshman at AHS.

Here's how Jeff would like to be remembered - as a friend of the orange and brown.



AHS SOCCER PLAYER Jeff Rousseau

Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—
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A New Record For Deer Set By Massachusetts Bowhunters

The bow season for deer ended up with the bowhunters setting a new record in Massachusetts. It was predicted many times by the old-timers in the bow field that it was possible for this to happen because of the mild winter we had a year ago.

A total of 1,749 deer were bagged by bowhunters; this is a preliminary figure released by the Division. The previous high was 1,540 last season.

The districts' breakdowns are as follows: Western, 288 bucks, 194 does; Valley, 460 bucks, 309 does; Central, 453 bucks, 144 does; Southeast, 340 bucks, 216 does.

It is interesting to note that the Western deer kill by bowhunters was below the Eastern district kills. More hunters are staying home in their districts and bagging more deer. For years, the Eastern hunters would storm our lands here in the West, and the Eastern woods would be barren of hunters.

Another good and exciting fact that showed this season is the increased size of the bucks harvested. This shows the herd of deer is in good shape, and the Division is doing a top job in managing the herd.

The Agawam Bowmen club grounds are left unposted for the bowhunter and gunhunter. But you people who are hunting there are leaving a mess.

Why can't you people who hunt on the land treat it as your own and feel happy that the club is leaving it open for you to enjoy. Secondly, you clowns that gave Mr. Olson a hard time because he wouldn't let you drive your ATV's and four-wheel drives over his lawn to get on the Monadnock Trail—the trail is for hiking, and this is what land-downers gave the right of way for...not for vehicle traffic to tear up and down over converted property.

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Dan McGuinness, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife statistics specialist, predicts on the basis of the deer kill by gunners the first week of the season that another record 5,000 animals harvested will be attained at the end of the season.

Big bucks are being shot. Ray Chiba of Feeding Hills took a nine-point buck weighing 173 pounds in Granville. This was his second buck for the year; his first was taken in Vermont.

The shotgun totals released Friday showed 2,127 deer killed. Here are the breakdowns by districts (with the total first and the buck harvest second): Western, 648, 474 bucks; Valley, 520, 424; Central, 490, 365; Northeast, 150, 99; Southeast, 219, 217.

The heaviest buck shot by an archer went 230 pounds field-dressed, and was shot in the Western district.

Mark Rolindini of West Springfield shot a nice large buck Friday in Chester. Jim Wheeler of Feeding Hills took his first Massachusetts deer with the bow this past season, and it was a hefty button buck.

Ferrigno Boys Each Have Great Seasons At Bates College & Green Mountain School

Matt Ferrigno, a former All-Western Mass. schoolboy soccer player from Southwick, and son of Feeding Hills Attorney Alan Ferrigno and Pam Ferrigno, was recently elected captain of the 1996-1997 Bates College soccer team.

Ferrigno just finished his sophomore season at the Maine college and was in the starting lineup for the past two seasons.

Meanwhile, Matt's younger brother, Drew, 16, was named as a member of the 1995 All-Vermont High School soccer team. A junior at Green Mountain Valley School in Waitsfield, Vermont, Drew

led his team to an outstanding 10-1-1 season and to the state finals for the second year in a row playing forward and midfield. He is considered one of the premiere players in the state and was the team's leading scorer.

Ferrigno is attending Green Mountain Valley School to train for a spot on the U.S. Ski Team and is currently training for the 1995-96 ski season at Mammoth Mountain, California.

Prior to entering Green Mountain, Drew was a forward on the Southwick-Tolland Regional High School soccer team.

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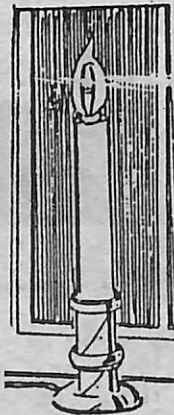
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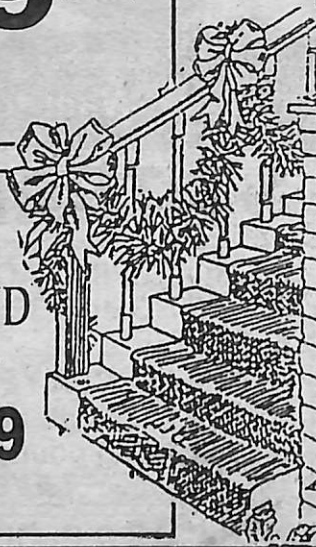
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Daggett Gymnasts Demonstrate Skills At Invitational Meet

At the Pilgrim Invitational Meet at Algonquin High School in Northboro, MA, on November 18th and 19th, the Daggett Gymnastics girls' team (which is young in comparison to so many others statewide) again showed its potential as a rising force in gymnastics.

At this two-day meet featuring numerous teams from all over the Commonwealth, the Daggett All-around Optionals stats were most impressive.

At Level 10 (age 13-14), there was Michelle Germano's fourth place 32.55. At Level 9 (age 8-11), there was a 1-2-3 sweep: Brynne Kennedy's 33.85; Jaime Scott-Smith's 33.85; and Kari Barnowski's 32.2.

At Level 9 (age 12-13), Kadee Bramley came in fifth (33.2), and Amy Reynolds' 10th (32.7) added to the honors with the support of Brooke Giguere's 30.425. Also at Level 9 (age 14-15) was Lindsey Hadden's eighth place 31.525.

In the Compulsory Levels (6 and 7), the All-around results were also reason to be proud, and the Team score tied them for third place, though they lost in the run-off. At Level 7, Erica Gildersleeve supported the cause with her All-around 28.85. At Level 6, All-around second-place honors went to Noelle Marquez (age 7-9) for her 35.05. Supporting her in the age 10-11 group were Andrea Babbini (fifth place, 35.25) and Lissa Bramley (sixth place, 35.1).

Competition was so stiff in this level that admittedly impressive scores for Paula Ballentine (34.5), Brionne Lancour (34.3), and Karen Christofersen (34.0) did not place them in the top 10. Supporting the team in this group was Shannon DelGiudice with her 31.2. In the age 12-13 age group, Sara Tremblay received eighth place for her 33.35.

In individual events, there was much for the Daggett coaches to be proud of. Michelle Germano was first on Vault and Floor. Brooke Giguere was fifth on Vault. Amy Reynolds was third on Bars. Brynne Kennedy was first on Bars and Floor. Jaime Scott-Smith was first on Vault and Beam, and Kari Barnowski was second on Vault, Bars, and Floor.

Also, Erica Gildersleeve was ninth on Vault. Sara Tremblay was ninth on Bars. Michelle Blanchard was second on Bars. Andrea Babbini was first on Vault. Lissa Bramley was fifth on Beam. Paula Ballentine was sixth on Beam, and Noelle Marquez was second on Bars and Beam.

The Pilgrim Invitational is a large, highly competitive meet with some of the best gymnasts in the state competing for honors. It showed the continuing development of this team of young athletes.

However, it showed more: the mature discipline and character of these girls, who can take the ups and downs of high-level athletic competition with healthy-minded enthusiasm and maturity. These girls, by their positive attitudes, their love of the sport, and sense of humor, do honor to themselves, their families, and their coaches.

The girls are coached by Joe Saimer (Head Coach and Co-owner of Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics), Patty Donaldson, Tina Reis, Pat Rooney, and Brian Siebold.

Soccer Association's Under 14 Coed Champs



MEMBERS OF THE GOLDEN GIRLS, champs of the Agawam Soccer Association's Under 14 Coed League. Standing, from left - Coach Kevin Quirk, Matthew Quirk, Brian Foley, Scott Fleming, Allison Pisano, Kyle Stocks, Steven Bramlett, Mark Urrea, and Coach Ken Fleming. Front row - Joey Gaulin, Chris Rollin, Cara DiVirgilio, Michael Turner, Jennifer Roda, Jennifer Keller, and Corey Hobbs. photo courtesy of Karl King.

Under 12 Boys Soccer Association Champs



MEMBERS OF THE GREEN HORNET, champs of the Agawam Soccer Association's Under 12 Boys' League. Back row, from left - Coach Tom Drenzek, Brian Barnes, Coach Ken Fleming, and Coach Kevin Quirk. Middle row - Benjamin Crum, Michael Follis, Kevin Athas, Eric Bland, and Daniel Quirk. Kneeling - Gregory Glidden, Scott Drenzek, Craig Jendza, Justin Coelho, Kevin Fleming, and Brian Thomas. photo courtesy of Karl King.

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Tri-Parish Bowlers Open Second Round

Round Two of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl has opened and St. Anselm is the early leader.

St. A's faced St. Mary's and winners for St. A's were DORIS FORTIER (a big 322) and YVONNE CHARTIER (307), the new queen of the Tri-Parish Lanes - for this week at least.

Winners for St. Mary's were leadoff RITA SCOTT (247) and substitute anchorman "Sweet" LOU MASSOIA, a 301-295 winner over "Luscious" LOU MULDER. "Luscious" LOU wasn't very happy after this match as his 295 just doesn't get it done as he continues to chase his brother, "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER for the league's scoring leadership. Yvonne Chartier is now at 106.19, just a hair better than FLO ROCHFORD (106.9) and the famous DEBBIE POIRIER (105.9). Rita Scott is at 82.25 in Women's C.

Next up on the lanes were fourth place St. Louis (3 wins) and eighth place Boston College (1 win). BC had three winners in this one - leadoff DAVE ALDRICH (288), STELLA BARBIERI (296), and Cap-

tain "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK, who took a wild 354-349 victory over St. Lou Captain GLEN ADAMS (105.19, first in Men's AA). "Jungle" Jim is third in Men's AA at 102.1. The only St. Lou winner was third roller PAUL LAGODITZ (88.15), a 289-287 win over LARRY FORTIER.

For St. Lou, Dave Aldrich is in first in Men's C at 84.26 and Stella B. is third in Women's B at 87.25.

Sixth place Holy Cross (2 wins) faced last place Fordham (0 wins) in the next match. HC winners were MARSHA DOBIE (244) and JOHN MLINEK (321). Fordham winners were second roller CORI NAPOLITAN (315, good night for Cori) and Captain "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER, a 363-312 conquerer of SUE GRIFFIN (100.9, third in Women's AA). The "Jollie" one is at 109.2 to lead the entire league.

For HC, Marsha Dobie is at 84.25, good for first place in Women's C, and J. Mlinek improved his lead in Men's B to 97.25. Cori N. is second in Women's A at 94.17.

Fifth place Catholic University (2 wins) and ninth place St. Michael (1/2 win) squared off in the

next match. CU winners were leadoff PAM BERGIN (274), MARY THOMAS (297), and TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (310). The only winner for St. Mike's was substitute anchorman "Steady" ED-DIE GALLERANI, a 318-313 winner over BILL GRIFFIN (98.20, fourth in Men's AA).

For the winners, Pam Bergin is at 89.16 in Women's B; Mary Thomas is the leader in Women's A at 98.14; and "Not Tony" Curtis is second in Men's AA at 103.26.

In the final match of the night, seventh place Georgetown (1 win) and third place Notre Dame (3 wins) had a competitive match. The only G-Town winner was GUS FRAPPIER (297, 82.27 in Men's C).

The two ND winners were DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (315, 97.26 in Men's A) and Captain FLO ROCHFORD (106.9, second in Women's AA), a 323-306 winner over DEBBIE POIRIER (105.9 in Open Class) in what was a real grudge match. It looks like the Flo, Debbie, and Yvonne (Chartier) show for the rest of the year in a wild race for the women's scoring championship.

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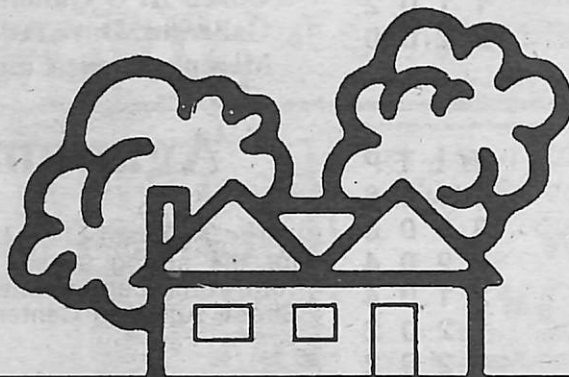
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Berzerkers	3	1	0	6
Sporting Juniors	3	0	0	6
Blue Devils	3	1	0	6
Agawam/Intown	2	2	0	4
Revolution	1	2	0	2
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Northampton/Devils	2	0	0	4
Agawam/Dynamos	1	1	0	2
South Hadley	1	1	0	2
Gateway	0	2	0	0

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Agawam Seniors	3	0	0	6
Agawam Intown	2	2	0	4
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AHS Freshman Boys' Soccer Team



FINALLY, we have finished all of the Agawam High 1995 Fall Sports pictures. Above are members of the boys' freshman soccer team, a group that had a strong season with many promising players. Back row, from left - Jay Flood, Rich Rodrigues, Dave Thomas, Nick Bellefleur, Brett Adamcizk, Eric Bodurtha, Chris Trevethan, Pete Bitzas, Mike Defilipi, and Coach Al O'Quinn. Front row - Larry Hoague, Nick Penna, Tim Faust, Adam Blair, Dave Gallerani, Dave Federico, Andy Radwanski, Dan Balboni, Sean Michael, and Brian Machos. Missing: Jamie Cincotta. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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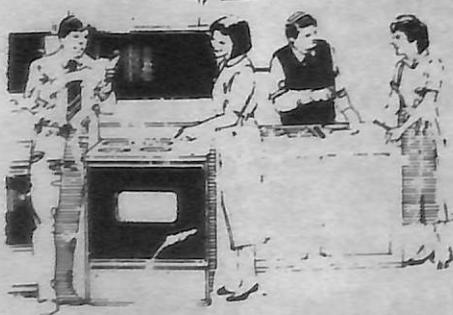
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PRAYER TO ST. PEREGRINE

Patron Against Cancer

O God, who gave to Saint Peregrine an Angel for his companion, the Mother of God for his Teacher, and Jesus as the Physician of his malady, grant we beseech You through his merits that we may on earth intensely love our holy Angel, the blessed Virgin Mary, and our Saviour, and in Him bless them forever. Grant that we may receive the favor which we now petition. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Say seven Our Fathers, seven Hail Marys and seven Glory be to the Fathers with the invocation, St. Peregrine, pray for us.)

EAH

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